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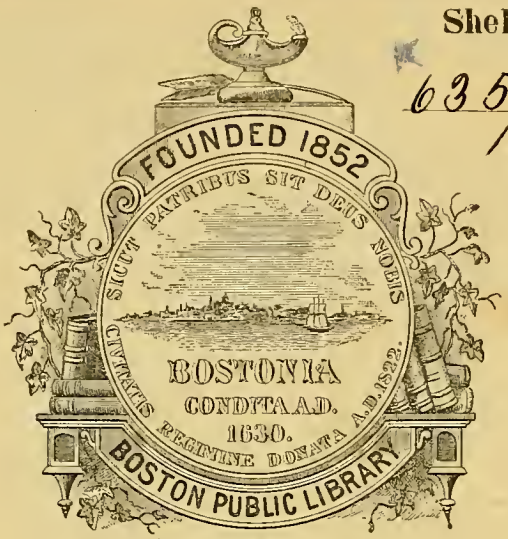

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IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 14, 1889.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the city of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 14, 1889, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock P.M.

Present: all the members.

The Board was called to order by Mr. Joseph D. Fallon, the senior member.

Members with unexpired terms.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Elliott, Fallon, Fifield, Gallagher, Grainger, Griffin, McDonald, Murphy, O'Grady, Swasey, and Walsh.

Communication from City Clerk.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, BOSTON, Jan. 14, 1889.

PHINEAS BATES, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I hereby certify that, by direction of the Board of Aldermen, certificates of election have been issued to the following-named persons, who appear to have been chosen as members of the School Committee for terms commencing Jan. 14, 1889: —

For three years. — Solomon Schindler, Laliah B. Pingree, Samuel B. Capen, John P. C. Winship, Liberty D. Packard, Thomas J. Emery, Richard C. Humphreys, Willard S. Allen.

For two years. — Charles M. Green, William A. Mowry.

For one year. — Caroline E. Hastings.

Attest:

J. H. O'NEIL,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

Credentials of members-elect.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Griffin, and McDonald a committee to collect the certificates of members-elect. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the newly elected members: For three years, — Solomon Schindler, Laliah B. Pingree, Samuel B. Capen, John P. C. Winship, Liberty D. Packard, Thomas J. Emery, Richard C. Humphreys, Willard S. Allen. For two years, — Charles M. Green, William A. Mowry. For one year, — Caroline E. Hastings.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board, and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year which involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year which do not involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by inserting the word "Kindergartens" after the word "Examinations," in the seventh line, and by striking out the word "Kindergartens" in the twelfth and thirteenth lines, and by inserting the words "Physical Exercises" after the words "Manual Training Schools," in the thirteenth line. That Section 4 be amended by striking out the words "three or," in the third line.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the order offered by Mr. Winship was laid on the table.

The order offered by Mr. Murphy passed.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President. Election of President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Griffin, Swasey, and Packard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Nahum Chapin had 1 vote, and Charles T. Gallagher had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected President of the School Committee. Charles T. Gallagher elected President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake and Chapin a committee to conduct the President to the Chair.

The President in the Chair.

At the request of the Chair prayer was offered by Rev. Solomon Schindler. Prayer.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Blake, Eliott, and Fallon were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Phineas Bates had 24 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Secretary.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, the President administering the oath of office. Secretary qualified.

The Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Messrs. Chapin, O'Grady, and Green were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. William J. Porter had 24 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Auditing Clerk.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. McDonald, Emery, and Allen were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be Election of Messenger.

23; necessary for a choice, 12. Alvah H. Peters had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation.

Election of Treasurer of Corporation.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fallon, Capen, and Swasey a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, 12. Nahum Chapin had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Text-book for evening schools.

Ordered, That Anderson's Märchen be authorized for use in those evening elementary schools in which the English language is taught to German pupils.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Superintendent expressed his opinion, which was in favor of the passage of the order.

Rules suspended.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, January 17, at 5 o'clock P.M.

Number of members on committees; rules amended. [See page 4.]

On motion of Mr. Winship, the order presented by him, proposing amendments to the rules, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the order was amended by striking out the words "and by inserting the words 'Physical Exercises' after the words 'Manual Training Schools,' in the thirteenth line."

Rules suspended.

The order, as amended, passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees when appointed.

Mr. Griffin offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Normal Music Course be authorized for use in the Normal School.

Normal Music Course authorized for use in Normal School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. O'Grady, it was

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, who shall have authority to make all necessary arrangements for a representation of the Boston school system at the International Exhibition in Paris, in 1889.

Committee on Paris Exhibition.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That travelling expenses be paid the members of the Board.

Travelling expenses of members.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish the members with stamped envelopes.

Stamped envelopes for members.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That the schools in which ship-draughting is taught shall be provided with models of ships, made of wood, from an ordinary row-boat to a transatlantic passenger steamer and a man-of-war; the models to be made in several sections, cross and longitudinal, showing the constructional parts.

Models for Evening Drawing Schools.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That a stenographer be connected with the Board, and report in full the meetings of the Board.

Stenographer.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That new sets of instruments be supplied to the Evening Drawing Schools, and also new T squares and triangles.

Instruments, etc., for Evening Drawing Schools.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Course of Study, Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the course of study in the Evening Drawing Schools be enlarged by adding the following studies: Stereotomy, Bills of Quantities of the several materials used in building, Sanitary Science, and Heat and Ventilation.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

System of Manual Training.

Ordered, That the communication from the City Council relative to establishing of a system of manual training has been considered, and in reply will say that if the City Council will give us a building adapted for the purpose, and $25,000 to fit it up, we can establish a most excellent school.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Repairs in Mt. Vernon School.

Ordered, That the following list of articles and repairs are needed in the Mt. Vernon District: —

1. New and larger desks for classes I. and II. 2. New out-houses, or old ones rebuilt. 3. The yard concreted or bricked, and fenced, with gates to lock. 4. One ten-inch gong on front of building in Mt. Vernon street. 5. One six or eight inch gong inside of building. 6. One pull-bell on building. 7. Repairs of conductors. 8. Master's desk. 9. Numbers painted on class doors. 10. Letter-box on outside door. 11. Three small globes. 12. Two sets of maps. 13. Small cabinet. 14. One small desk. 15. Hooks for doors. 16. Numerous reference books.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

List of unemployed Normal graduates.

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to print a sufficient number of copies of the list of Normal-School graduates who are not teaching, and report the same to

the Board at the second meeting in January of each year.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That non-resident teachers shall not be engaged as teachers when there are unemployed teachers in the city. Non-resident teachers.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 17, 1889.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at five o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mrs. Fifield and Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Emery, Griffin, McDonald, and O'Grady.

On motion of Miss Hastings, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees; also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees.

Accounts. — Gerald Griffin, Chairman; Messrs. Swasey, Capen, Packard, Allen.

Annual Report. — George R. Swasey, Chairman; Miss Hastings and Mr. Humphreys.

Drawing. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Gallagher, O'Grady, Green, and Miss Pingree.

Elections. — William H. Grainger, Chairman; Messrs. Emery and Packard.

Evening Schools. — James S. Murphy, Chairman; Messrs. Gallagher, Swasey, Schindler, and Allen.

Examinations. — Joseph D. Fallon, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Mowry and Winship.

Horace Mann School. — Caroline E. Hastings, Chairman; Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Fifield.

Hygiene. — Russell D. Elliott, Chairman; Messrs. Blake and Grainger.

Kindergartens. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Miss Pingree, Messrs. Swasey, Grainger, and Schindler.

Legislative Matters. — Joseph D. Fallon, Chairman; Messrs. Swasey and Mowry.

Manual Training Schools. — James S. Murphy, Chairman; Messrs. Blake and O'Grady.

Music. — Gerald Griffin, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Packard, Schindler, and Miss Pingree.

Nominations. — Samuel B. Capen, Chairman; Messrs. Grainger, Murphy, Miss Hastings, and Mr. Humphreys.

Rules and Regulations. — Joseph D. Fallon, Chairman; Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Capen and Emery.

Salaries. — William A. Mowry, Chairman; Messrs. Griffin, Grainger, Walsh, and Emery.

School Houses. — Nahum Chapin, Chairman; Messrs. Walsh, O'Grady, Packard, and Capen.

Sewing. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Messrs. Walsh and Swasey, Misses Hastings and Pingree.

Supplies. — Nahum Chapin, Chairman; Messrs. Elliott, Murphy, Humphreys, and Winship.

Text-Books. — John G. Blake, Chairman; Messrs. Fallon, Green, Allen, and Schindler.

Truant Officers. — Russell D. Elliott, Chairman; Messrs. Griffin, Gallagher, Humphreys, and Allen.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

[*Alphabetical order. Chairmen elective.*]

Normal, High School, and Division Committee.

Normal School. — Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Mowry, Murphy, and Winship.

High Schools. — Messrs. Blake, Emery, Fallon, Gallagher, and Green.

First Division. — Messrs. Allen, Chapin, Emery, Grainger, and McDonald.

Second Division. — Messrs. Allen, Chapin, Elliott, McDonald, and Murphy.

Third Division. — Messrs. Elliott, Grainger, Green, Miss Pingree, and Mr. Swasey.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Green, O'Grady, Miss Pingree, Messrs. Schindler and Swasey.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Blake, Emery, Fallon, Miss Hastings, and Mr. Schindler.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Fallon, Gallagher, Mowry, Packard, and Walsh.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Capen, Griffin, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Humphreys and Murphy.

Eighth Division. — Mr. Capen, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Griffin, O'Grady, and Winship.

Ninth Division. — Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Humphreys, Mowry, Packard, and Walsh.

Special Committee on Paris Exposition. — Messrs. O'Grady, Chapin, and Griffin.

Committee on Paris Exposition. [See page 7.]

The appointments were approved.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by inserting the words "Physical Exercises" after the words "Legislative Matters," in the thirteenth line.

Committee on Physical Exercises proposed.

Mr. Winship moved that the Rules be suspended.

Lost.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended so as to provide that the Committee on Manual Training

Number of members on Committee on

Manual Training Schools.

Schools shall consist of five members, instead of three members, as at present.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 22, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Grainger.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Harris District. — Mary Waterman, fourth assistant, Jan. 21, 1889. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Comins District. — Velma E. Cobb, from Jan. 14, 1889. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Prince District. — Katherine L. Campbell, from Jan. 11, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Harris District. — Mary Waterman, second assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 21, 1889. Election of a teacher on probation.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Roxbury High School. — Persis P. Drake, assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Alanson H. Mayers, submaster.

Dudley District. — Lucy G. M. Card, fourth assistant.

Harris District. — Emma F. Simmons, first assistant.

Stoughton District. — Clara B. Brown, third assistant.

Tileston District. — Ida T. Weeks, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Harris District. — Annie B. Drowne, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Feb. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the following nomination of a special assistant, for service in a first class, Primary School, in the Dudley District, and recommended that the nomination be confirmed under a suspension of the rules.

Dudley District. — Edith Hovey, from Dec. 3, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed under a suspension of the rules.

Election of teachers of evening schools.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of teachers of evening elementary schools: —

Hancock School. — *Principal*, Julius A. Weigmann, from Nov. 26, 1888. *Assistants*, E. Laura Tilden, from Jan. 4, 1889; Emeline W. Ripley, from Jan. 11, 1889.

Accepted, and the nominations of assistants confirmed.

Ballot for principal of Hancock Evening School.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Hancock Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Walsh, and Packard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Julius A. Weigmann had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Hancock Evening School.

Julius A. Weigmann elected.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers until April 1, 1889, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

English High School. — Robert E. Babson, master; James Mahoney, substitute.

Robert E. Babson.

Dearborn District. — Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant; Alice W. Emerson, substitute. Louisa D. Gage, fourth assistant; Mary A. Connor, substitute.

Philena W. Rounseville. Louisa D. Gage.

Dillaway District. — Lydia G. Wentworth, third assistant; Amy Cheever, substitute.

Lydia G. Wentworth.

Emerson District. — Sarah A. Bond, third assistant.

Sarah A. Bond.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Lovering, first assistant; James W. Webster, substitute. Elizabeth A. Prichard, Lana J. Wood, and Lucy M. Small, fourth assistants; Agnes A. Herlihy, Theresa G. Power, and Elizabeth G. Desmond, substitutes, respectively.

Mary A. Lovering, Elizabeth A. Prichard, Lana J. Wood, Lucy M. Small.

Lowell District. — Eliza C. Fisher, first assistant; Anna W. Bumstead, substitute.

Eliza C. Fisher.

Peirce District. — Mary E. Mann, second assistant; Minna B. Noyes, substitute.

Mary E. Mann.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to furnish the text-books and charts belonging to the Normal Music Course, and the revised edition of the

Assignment of text-books in music to classes.

National Music Course, to the different classes, as the Committee on Music may assign.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Additional school accommodations at Orient Heights.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional school accommodations at Orient Heights, in the Emerson District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

New Primary School-house in the Adams District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Primary School building in the Adams District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Boylston chapel School, ventilation of.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to improve the ventilation of the school-room in the Lowell District, situated in Boylston chapel, and also to provide a sheet-iron screen in front of the stove in said school-room.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of the Committee on the Seventh Division; school accommodations in the Lowell and George Putnam Districts.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, presented the following report: —

The Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom were referred the communication from the City Council, Dec. 31, 1888, and the accompanying petition relating to school accommodations in the George Putnam District, report that in November, 1887, on the recommendation of this committee, an order was passed by the Board requesting the City Council to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District. In January, 1888, the City Council were requested to provide temporary Primary-School accommodations in that district. In February, 1888, your committeee were invited to meet the Committee on Schools and School Houses of the City Council at the Lowell School. Your committee were at the appointed place at the appointed time, but the committee of the City Council did not appear. Another appointment was made at City Hall,

and your committee were again disappointed in not meeting the committee of the City Council. In April, 1888, this Board again requested the City Council to provide temporary school accommodations in the Lowell District. At this time the pressing needs for additional school accommodations in the adjacent George Putnam District demanded attention. Several members of the Committee on Schools and School Houses of the City Council were seen individually, and their aid solicited to relieve the demand for increased school accommodations in these districts. All admitted the justice of the requests and the necessity for relief, but said there was no money for the purpose. The subject was referred to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, who reported that the accommodations were needed, but there was no money. Your committee then applied to the members of the Committee on Finance of the City Council, and placed before them the demands in the two districts above mentioned, and received from them the assurance that they would recommend the appropriation of the necessary amount to provide the needed accommodations. No money has yet been appropriated. In September, 1888, the City Council were requested to provide additional school accommodations for two primary classes. Again, in October, another request was transmitted to the City Council for additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District. In November the demands had so increased that the City Council were requested to erect an eight-room Primary School-house in the Lowell District. In the same month (November) the City Council were requested to provide temporary accommodations in the George Putnam District. A petition was prepared and signed by the people of that section for additional school accommodations in the George Putnam District. This petition was signed by the Committee on the Seventh Division, by its chairman, and by him presented to the City Council. This petition is now referred to this Board with the communication from the City Council.

Your committee can add nothing to their previous earnest appeals for the relief of these districts. There are 200 children in the Lowell District who are attending the schools on half time. There are 60 children in the George Putnam District who are without school accommodations, and the number is rapidly increasing.

Your committee can only urge again that the special attention of the City Council be called to the necessity of providing school accommodations in these districts. They recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect an eight-room Primary School-house in the Lowell District, and to provide temporary school accommodations in said district.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional temporary school accommodations for Primary-School pupils, in the George Putnam District.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the orders passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing report be sent to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

School accommodations.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report, at the next meeting of the Board, what permanent and temporary school accommodations are needed in this city.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, it was

Tenure of office of teachers.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of applying to the election of teachers in the public schools of this city the provisions of the bill entitled "An Act relating to the tenure of office of teachers," passed by the General Court of Massachusetts, and approved June 22, 1886; and, if deemed advisable by them, to report to this Board such changes in the Rules and Regulations as will be necessary to carry the same into effect.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Electric lights for the School Committee Chamber.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide electric lights for the School Committee Chamber.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

New Primary School-house in the Bennett District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Primary School-house in the Bennett District, on land belonging to the city, at the junction of Cambridge and Washington streets.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The Chair presented a communication from L. B. Sawyer, relating to the tenement for the engineer in the Latin and High School building. Communication from L. B. Sawyer.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 12, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, and Grainger.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Jan. 14, 1889.

Communication from the City Council; travelling expenses of pupils in Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That the amount received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1888, for travelling expenses of children attending the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, be added to the appropriation for School Expenses, School Committee, and the Auditor is hereby authorized to allow for payment, and the Treasurer to pay, such amounts, upon the requisition of the School Committee.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Jan. 24, came up concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan. 26, 1889.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 31, 1889.

Communication from City Council; new Primary School-house on Heath street.

Ordered, That the School Board be requested to include in annual estimates for 1889 a sum sufficient to construct a Primary School-

house on Heath street, adjacent to Tremont street, on land belonging to the City of Boston.

Referred to the School Committee. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, February 4, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the Common Council; new school-house on Eustis street.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 31, 1889.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform this Council whether it would be expedient to build a school-house in the place of the present Eustis-street school.

Passed.

HORACE G. ALLEN,
President.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Emerson District. — Ida J. Breckenridge, fourth assistant, April 1, 1889.

Franklin District. — Martha L. Beckler, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1889.

Hancock District. — M. Lizzie Bryant, fourth assistant, Feb. 1, 1889.

Quincy District. — Mary E. Graham, fourth assistant, Feb. 11, 1889.

Wells District. — Sarah C. Chevaillier, fourth assistant, Feb. 1, 1886.

Porter-street Kindergarten. — Clara L. Hunting, assistant, Jan. 28, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special Assistants, Primary Schools.

Allston District. — Agnes A. Aubin, from Feb. 6, 1889.

Gibson District. — Bessie C. Jones, from Jan. 2, 1889.

Hancock District. — Sadie G. Christie, from Jan. 15, 1889.

Lincoln District. — Lura M. Power, from Feb. 4, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Anna R. French, from Jan. 21, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Chapman District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, fourth assistant, from Feb. 14, 1889.

Comins District. — Margaret A. McGuire, third assistant, from Feb. 19, 1889.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Dudley District. — Edith Hovey, fourth assistant, from Dec. 3, 1888.

Dwight District. — Sara Mock, fourth assistant, from Jan. 29, 1889.

Gibson District. — Jessie C. Fraser, third assistant, from Jan. 23, 1889.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Benjamin Tenney, sub-

master, from Jan. 2 to 7, 1889, inclusive; Esther E. McGrath, third assistant, from Jan. 28, 1889.

Lowell District. — Lillian S. Hilton, fourth assistant, from Jan. 16, 1889.

Sherwin District. — Margaret E. Carey, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Wells District. — Louise W. Betts, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dearborn District. — Emma L. Merrill, fourth assistant, second year, from Feb. 11, 1889.

Franklin District. — Sarah N. Macomber, third assistant; Etta M. Smith, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, third assistant, from Jan. 15, 1889; Henrietta Thompson, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Harvard District. — Olive J. Sawyer, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Abram T. Smith, submaster, from Feb. 21, 1889.

Pierce District. — Helen A. Woods, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Quincy District. — Winella W. Stratton, fourth assistant, fifth year, from Feb. 11, 1889.

Wells District. — Lucy L. C. Bigelow, fourth assistant, from Feb. 4, 1889.

Porter-street Kindergarten. — Clara L. Hunting, principal; Lucy Kummer, assistant, from Jan. 28, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bennett District. — Myrtie B. Symonds, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Everett District. — Nellie G. McElwain, fourth assistant.

Lowell District. — Clara I. Stevens, fourth assistant.

Sherwin District. — Mary B. Chaloner, third assistant.

School of Cookery. — Sarah C. Woodward, instructor.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Franklin District. — Maude G. Hopkins, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Feb. 1, 1889. Transfer of teachers.

Lyman District. — Mary E. Williams, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Feb. 1, 1889.

Sherwin District. — Helen Perry, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the Hyde District, the transfer to date from Feb. 1, 1889.

Wells District. — Georgia D. Barstow, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Feb. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

TEACHERS OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

Neponset School. — Charles C. Haines, principal; Mabel E. Adams, assistant, from Feb. 4, 1889. Teachers of evening school.

Phillips School. — Harriet L. Smith, assistant, from Jan. 15, 1889.

Accepted, and the nominations for subordinate teachers confirmed.

Ballot for principal of Neponset evening school.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Neponset evening school.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, O'Grady, and Walsh a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Charles C. Haines had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Neponset evening school, to date from Feb. 4, 1889.

Charles C. Haines elected principal of the Neponset evening school.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers until April 1, 1889, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Sarah L. Dyer.

East Boston High School. — Sarah L. Dyer, assistant; Edith S. Cushing, substitute.

Anna E. Reed.

Adams District. — Anna E. Reed, second assistant; Ellen S. Bloomfield, substitute.

Sarah O. Brickett.

Bowdoin District. — Sarah O. Brickett, second assistant; Josephine K. Clayton, substitute.

Barbara C. Farrington.

Barbara C. Farrington, fourth assistant; Harriet L. Smith, substitute.

Penelope G. Hayes.

Comins District. — Penelope G. Hayes, third assistant; Ida F. Taylor, substitute.

Mary S. Sprague.

Dillaway District. — Mary S. Sprague, third assistant; Alice E. Robinson, substitute.

Caroline A. Farrell.

Dwight District. — Caroline A. Farrell, fourth assistant.

Ida J. Breckinbridge.

Emerson District. — Ida J. Breckinbridge, fourth assistant; Flora C. Woodman, substitute.

Minnie B. Lincoln, substitute.

Franklin District. — Minnie B. Lincoln, substitute for Catherine T. Simonds, granted leave of absence.

Hancock District. — Adeline S. Bodge, third assistant; Julia F. Holland, substitute. Adeline S. Bodge.

Sarah E. Ward, third assistant; Mary A. Mahan, substitute. Sarah E. Ward.

Hyde District. — Alice G. Maguire, third assistant. Alice G. Maguire.

Lewis District. — Emily B. Eliot, second assistant; Grace L. Sherry, substitute. Emily B. Eliot.

Lyman District. — Ida E. Halliday, third assistant; Leila L. Rand, substitute. Ida E. Halliday.

Pierce District. — Mary E. Mann, second assistant; Minna B. Noyes, substitute. Mary E. Mann.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the ventilation of the Wait School-house in the Franklin District to be improved. Improvement in ventilation of Wait School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Schindler offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 220 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the words "if the care of their pupils has been provided for in a manner satisfactory to the principals," and by inserting in place thereof the words "and any class or school may be dismissed for this purpose by the principal with the consent of the committee in charge." Visits of teachers to other schools; amendment of Regulations proposed.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be requested to report on the expediency of introducing the study of phonography into the High and Latin Schools. Instruction in phonography in the High and Latin schools.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that Section 220 of the Regulations be amended so as to read as follows: "Any teacher may visit other Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; visits of teachers to other schools;

amendment of Regulations.

schools once a quarter to observe methods of discipline and instruction, provided a substitute, satisfactory to the principal, shall take charge of her class during her absence," reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; number of members of Committee on Manual Training Schools. [See pp. 13, 14.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 17 — an order providing that Section 2 of the Rules be amended so as to provide that the Committee on Manual Training Schools shall consist of five members, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the word "Examinations," in the seventh line, the words "Manual Training Schools;" and by striking out the words "Manual Training Schools" in the thirteenth line.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; appointment of Committee on Physical Exercises; number of members of Committee on Hygiene. [See page 13.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 17 — an order proposing that the Rules be amended so as to provide for the appointment of a Standing Committee on Physical Exercises, reported that, in the opinion of this committee and that of the Committee on Hygiene, who had been consulted, it is inexpedient to establish a new committee as proposed. The subject of physical exercises bearing so close a relation to the health of the pupils is undoubtedly properly placed in the charge of the Committee on Hygiene. Your committee believe that the number of members of the committee should be increased to five, and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by inserting the word "Hygiene" after the word "Examinations," in the seventh line, and by striking out the word "Hygiene" in the twelfth line.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on the subject of suspending the morning sessions of schools in stormy weather, was taken from the files of last year. (See page 237, Minutes, 1888.)

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; suspension of morning sessions of schools in stormy weather.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion on the subject.

Opinion of Superintendent of Schools.

The Superintendent stated that if the Board desires that the signal for no morning session of the schools be given, the bells can be struck. It is true that there are no fire-alarm bells between Dover street and the East Boston Ferries except the bell on Faneuil Hall. It is the practice at present, when the signal for no afternoon session of the schools is given, for the principals of those schools, located in the sections where there are no fire-alarm bells, to send pupils to the nearest police-station or engine-house, at a quarter before twelve o'clock, to ascertain if the signal is given. In the morning it would not be practical for the principals to send pupils, for there would be no pupils probably at the time the signal would be given; otherwise there is no reason why the signal should not be given.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Griffin, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year 1889–90, and asked that the same be approved by the Board: —

Estimates for 1889–90.

SCHOOLS. — ESTIMATES, 1889-90.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, Feb. 12, 1889.

James H. Dodge, Esq., *City Auditor:* —

Dear Sir,— The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the public schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of May, 1889, and ending April 30, 1890, exclusive of the expenses for furniture, repairs, alterations, and the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,
GERALD GRIFFIN,
Chairman Committee on Accounts, School Committee.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

First Grade.

6	Head-Masters, at	$3,780	$22,680	
2	Masters	3,168	6,336	
21	"	2,880	60,480	
2	Junior-Masters	2,160	4,320	
4	" "	1,872	7,488	
1	" Master	1,728	1,728	
4	" Masters	1,584	6,336	
2	" "	1,440	2,880	
3	" "	1,296	3,888	
2	" "	1,152	2,304	
2	" "	1,008	2,016	
				$120,456

Second Grade.

41	Masters, at	$2,880	$118,080	
3	"	2,820	8,460	
3	"	2,760	8,280	
3	"	2,700	8,100	
1	Master	2,640	2,640	
1	Sub-Master	2,496	2,496	
1	"	2,436	2,436	
15	Sub-Masters	2,280	34,200	
1	Sub-Master	2,220	2,220	
	Amounts carried forward,		$186,912	$120,456

Amounts brought forward,		$186,912	$120,456
2 Sub-Masters	$2,100	4,200	
2 "	2,040	4,080	
1 Sub-Master	1,980	1,980	
5 Sub-Masters	1,920	9,600	
4 "	1,860	7,440	
2 "	1,800	3,600	
1 Sub-Master	1,776	1,776	
1 "	1,740	1,740	
4 Sub-Masters	1,680	6,720	
5 "	1,620	8,100	
3 "	1,560	4,680	
			240,828

Third Grade.

1 Assistant Principal, at	$1,800	$1,800	
3 First Assistants	1,620	4,860	
1 Second Assistant	1,380	1,380	
1 " "	1,332	1,332	
2 " Assistants	1,188	2,376	
10 Assistants	1,380	13,800	
2 "	1,332	2,664	
9 "	1,284	11,556	
1 Assistant	1,236	1,236	
3 Assistants	1,188	3,564	
1 Assistant	1,140	1,140	
3 Assistants	1,092	3,276	
2 "	1,044	2,088	
2 "	996	1,992	
6 "	948	5,688	
3 "	900	2,700	
5 "	852	4,260	
5 "	804	4,020	
2 "	756	1,512	
			71,424

Fourth Grade.

56 First Assistants at	$1,080	$60,480	
5 " "	1,044	5,220	
2 " "	1,008	2,016	
5 " "	972	4,860	
7 " "	936	6,552	
Amounts carried forward,		$79,128	$432,528

Amounts brought forward,		$79,128	$432,528
90 Second Assistants	$816	73,440	
10 " "	804	8,040	
13 " "	792	10,296	
7 " "	780	5,460	
10 " "	768	7,680	
281 Third Assistants	744	209,064	
23 " "	696	16,008	
24 " "	648	15,552	
21 " "	600	12,600	
21 " "	552	11,592	
24 " "	504	12,096	
11 " "	456	5,016	
303 Fourth Assistants	744	225,432	
21 " "	696	14,616	
22 " "	648	14,256	
24 " "	600	14,400	
23 " "	552	12,696	
19 " "	504	9,576	
14 " "	456	6,384	
15 Temporary Teachers, 100 days .		2,790	
15 Special Assistants, 100 days . .		1,500	
			767,622

Special Grade.

School on Spectacle Island: —		
Instructor		400
Special Instructor of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, etc., Normal School . .		1,080
Special Instructor of Physics, Latin School .		1,584
Sewing: —		
30 Instructors, 227 Divisions		16,764
High Schools: —		
Director of Modern Languages . . .	$3,000	
2 Assistants	3,000	
		6,000
Deaf-Mutes: —		
1 Principal	$1,800	
8 Assistants	6,500	
		8,300
Amount carried forward,		$1,234,278

Amount brought forward,		$1,234,278
Music: —		
1 Instructor, High Schools	$2,640	
4 Instructors, Grammar and Primary Schools	10,560	
		13,200
Drawing: —		
Director		3,000
Hygiene: —		
1 Instructor		3,000
Chemistry: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$1,380	
" " 1 Laboratory Assistant	744	
		2,124
Physical Culture: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$960	
Girls' Latin, 1 Instructor	492	
		1,452
Military Drill: —		
Instructor	$2,000	
Armorer	800	
		2,800
Manual Training Schools: —		
Carpentry, 1 Instructor	$1,200	
Cookery, 6 Instructors	4,128	
		5,328
Evening High School: —		
Head Master, 22 weeks	$1,100	
1 Assistant, 66 evenings	330	
22 Assistants, 22 weeks	9,680	
Clerk	440	
		11,550
Evening Elementary Schools: —		
14 Principals, 22 weeks	$6,160	
85 Assistants, 22 weeks	14,025	
		20,185
Evening Drawing Schools: —		
2 Masters, 63 evenings	$1,260	
5 Head Assistants, 63 evenings	1,890	
17 Assistants, 63 evenings	5,355	
5 Curators	630	
		9,135
Amount carried forward,		$1,306,052

Amount brought forward,			$1,306,052
Kindergartens: —			
13 Principals, at	$708	$9,204	
5 "	636	3,180	
3 "	600	1,800	
8 Assistants	540	4,320	
3 "	504	1,512	
8 "	468	3,744	
4 "	432	1,728	
			25,488
Total for Instructors			$1,331,540

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
6 Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	2,880
Auditing Clerk	2,880
Assistants	2,320
Copyist	1,000
Assistant in offices, School Department	600
Messengers	1,940
16 Truant Officers	19,800
Total for Officers	$58,300

SALARIES OF JANITORS.

Janitors, of 10 High Schools	$11,200
" 54 Grammar Schools	47,200
" 98 Primary Schools	38,500
" 23 Special and Evening Schools	3,000
" School Committee Rooms	2,100
Total for Janitors	$102,000

FUEL, GAS, AND WATER.

12,000 Tons of Coal, at $5.60	$67,200
208⅓ Cords of Wood, at $12	2,500
Gas	5,000
Water	5,300
Total	$80,000

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

Text-books Reference-books Exchange of Books	$45,000
Books for Supplementary Reading	2,500
Annual Festival	2,250
Globes, Maps, and Charts	1,600
Musical Expenses: — Instruments Repairs and Covers	2,100
Printing, and Stock used for same	5,700
Philosophical, Chemical, and Mathematical Apparatus and Supplies	2,000
School Census	1,100
Stationery, Drawing Materials, and Record-books	11,500
Slates, Diplomas, Racks, Pencils, Erasers, etc.	3,500
Advertising	250
Military Drill: — Arms, Repairs, etc.	1,300
Removing snow, and fumigating school-houses	2,500
Janitors' and other supplies	3,600
Supplies for Manual Training Schools	1,100
Materials for Kindergartens, including pianos	1,800
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairs, repairing apparatus, etc.,	5,300
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, horse and carriage, expenses, postage, car and ferry tickets, receiving coal, extra clerk (Work Certificates, Superintendent's Office), and sundry items	2,500
Total for Supplies and Incidentals	$95,600

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors	$1,331,540
Salaries of Officers	58,300
Salaries of Janitors	102,000
Fuel, Gas, and Water	80,000
Supplies and Incidentals	95,600
	$1,667,440

INCOME.

Non-residents, State and City	$12,000 00
Trust-funds, and other sources	23,000 00
	$35,000 00

The estimated amount required for salaries of instructors the coming year is $1,331,540. Of this amount $25,488 is requested for teachers in the Kindergartens, which expense was included last year in a separate appropriation. Deducting this item, it leaves $1,306,052, the proper amount for comparison with previous years as regards salaries of instructors.

The cost for salaries of instructors in 1887–88 was		$1,238,584.42
For ten months of 1888–89 the cost was,	$1,051,576 27	
Estimated cost for remaining two months	222,000 00	
Total for the present year . .		$1,273,576 27

Showing an increase for the present year, as compared with 1887–88, of $34,991.85.

The estimate requested for the coming year will, if granted, permit of an increase over the estimated expense the present year of $32,475.73. More than 40 per cent. of this increase will probably be needed for the High Schools, on account of the increasing number of pupils in that grade.

The amount required for salaries of officers — $58,300 — is just the amount paid to the persons now employed, with the exception of $120, estimated as needed for additional messenger-service.

It is estimated that $102,000 will be required to pay salaries of janitors. The cost, the present year, will be about $99.300; and the $2,700 increase will be needed for the care of new buildings to be acquired, and for increased accommodations in other buildings.

The item of fuel, gas, and water is self-explanatory. The only uncertainty is the price of coal; but the estimated price, $5.60 per ton, is about the average cost for the present year.

The amount requested under the head of supplies and incidentals is $95,600. Of this amount, $8,000 is estimated for salaries, as follows: extra clerical labor required on pupils' work, certificates by superintendent, census-takers, tuners of pianos, and work of delivering supplies, leaving $87,600. Of this amount, $59,000, or about 93 cents per pupil, is estimated as the cost for furnishing pupils with books and supplies under the free text-book law; $2,500 is asked for

the removal of snow from a portion of the school-yards, — work formerly done by the Superintendent of Health; and the balance, $26,100, will be needed to pay the expenses of printing, the annual festival, supplies for manual-training schools, kindergartens, and janitors; also permanent material in the way of maps and globes, and the many miscellaneous items necessary to carry on the several grades of schools.

The School Committee have placed the estimates required by them under five heads, and respectfully request that they be so granted. By this arrangement the uses for the money granted will be better understood than if the total sum requested were allowed under a smaller number of heads.

The committee having charge of the preparation of these estimates are of the opinion that the amount requested for every item is needed. and should be granted.

The Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the Auditor of Accounts may be authorized to transfer unexpended balances from any one of the appropriations named to any other appropriation.

For the Committee on Accounts,
GERALD GRIFFIN,
Chairman.

For the Committee on Supplies,
NAHUM CHAPIN,
Chairman.

The Chair stated that, under the Rules, the estimates required a two-thirds yea-and-nay vote for approval.

The estimates as presented were unanimously approved by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Miss Pingree, Messrs. Allen, Capen, Chapin, Emery, Fallon, Green, Griffin, Humphreys, McDonald, Mowry, Murphy, O'Grady, Packard, Schindler, Swasey, Walsh, and Winship. — 21.

Nays: None.

Absent: Messrs. Blake, Elliott, and Grainger.

Repairs, etc., Mt. Vernon District.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the order offered Jan. 14, relative to repairs, etc., in the Mt. Vernon District, was taken from the table.

[See page 8.]

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported that the matters contained in the order had been submitted to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and that no further action on the order is necessary on the part of this Board.

Accepted.

Employment of a stenographer. [See page 7.]

On motion of Mr. Capen, the order concerning the employment of a stenographer was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Communication from Quincy School Association; naming of a Grammar School in honor of John D. Philbrick. [See pages 48, 49, Minutes, 1888.]

On motion of Mr. Capen, the communication from the Quincy School Association, concerning the naming of a Grammar School in honor of the late John D. Philbrick, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; communication from City Council; new school-house, Baker street, Ward 23. [See page 241, Minutes, 1888.]

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred from the files of last year the communication from the City Council concerning a new school-house on the corner of Baker and Gardner streets, Ward 23, reported that the committee have considered the subject, and are of the unanimous opinion that a new primary school-house should be erected in the locality named. They have submitted their recommendation in regard to such school-house to the Committee on School Houses, who have voted to include such recommendation in their report on school accommodations.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Improvements in ventilation of Thomas-st. School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the ventilation of the Thomas-street Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee in Seventh Division;

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported that temporary school accommoda-

tions for two classes in the George Putnam District were very much needed, and the committee had reported this fact to the Committee on School Houses, with the request that such recommendation be included in the report of that committee on the subject of school accommodations.

temporary school accommodations in the George Putnam District.

Accepted.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide temporary Primary-School accommodations for three classes in the Lowell District.

Temporary Primary-School accommodations in Lowell District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the term of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools be extended one week, and that these schools close, the present year, on Friday evening, March 8, 1889.

Term of evening schools extended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year a petition for an evening school at Neponset, reported that in the opinion of this committee it seemed advisable to establish such school, and, in accordance with the authority granted them by the Rules and Regulations, the committee opened an evening school in the Old Minot Schoolhouse, on Monday evening, Feb. 4, 1889.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; evening school at Neponset. [See page 239, Minutes, 1888.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the order of Jan. 14, 1889, relating to a system of manual training was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

System of manual training. [See page 8.]

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the order relating to a list of unemployed Normal graduates was taken from the

List of unemployed Normal graduates. [See page 8.]

table and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Non resident teachers. [See page 9.]

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the order relating to the employment of non-resident teachers was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Change in boundary lines of the Prince District.

Ordered, That the district lines of the Prince District be amended, so as to read as follows: "Beginning at the water, opposite the foot of West Chester park; thence by the water to Otter street; thence by the centre of Otter to Beacon street; thence by both sides of Beacon to Charles street; thence by the centres of Charles street, Park square, etc."

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Changes in text-books; opinions of principals to be obtained.

Ordered, That before the Text-Book Committee shall recommend to the Board the addition or substitution of a text-book it shall obtain, in writing, the opinion of all the principals of the schools to be affected, in answer to a written inquiry as to whether such addition or substitution is expedient; but if the book is a book for use in Grammar Schools, a reply from fifteen Grammar-School masters shall justify a recommendation to the Board.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Changes in text-books, notice of; copies of new text-books proposed for adoption to be sent to School Committee, Superintendent, and Supervisors.

Ordered, That whenever a change is proposed to be made in the list of authorized text-books, either by additions or substitutions, notice of such proposed change or substitution shall be given to the Board, at least at the second meeting next before such proposed addition or substitution; and no such change or substitution shall be made until the Text-Book Committee shall have for-

warded, or caused to be forwarded, for examination to each member of the Board, the Superintendent, and Supervisors, a copy of the book proposed to be added or substituted.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Alice P. Lord. [See page 222, Minutes, 1888.]

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that Alice P. Lord, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Rebecca V. Humphrey. [See page 223, Minutes, 1888.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that Rebecca V. Humphrey, assistant in the Dorchester High School, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of first assistants in evening elementary schools. [See page 229, Minutes, 1888.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning the salary of first assistants in the evening elementary schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the salary of first assistants in evening elementary schools be fixed at the rate of two dollars and a half for each evening of actual service.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary E. Very. [See page 230, Minutes, 1888.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning the salary of Mary E. Very, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Mary E. Very, third assistant in the Lewis District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Dec. 3, 1888, her previous ser-

vice entitling her to the advanced salary under Section 117 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of John C. Ryder. [See page 240, Minutes, 1888.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning the salary of John C. Ryder, sub-master in the Mt. Vernon District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That John C. Ryder, sub-master in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Jan. 2, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Sanitary arrangements of Mather and Tileston School-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the sanitary arrangements of the Mather School-house and of the Tileston School-house to be remodelled and improved.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Partition of yard of Glen Road School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to partition the yard of the Glen Road School-house by a fence.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Curtains for Gibson School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to supply curtains as needed in the Gibson School-house, School street, Dorchester.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Hiram M. George.

Ordered, That Hiram M. George, sub-master in the

Tileston District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. McDonald offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 294 of the Regulations be amended, by inserting after the words "Decoration day," the words, "the seventeenth of June."

Holiday, June 17; amendment of Regulations proposed.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order relating to travelling expenses of members was taken from the table.

Travelling expenses of members. [See page 7.]

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order relating to the furnishing of stamped envelopes to members was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Stamped envelopes for members. [See page 7.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order relating to models in ship-draughting for the evening drawing schools was taken from the table.

Models for evening drawing-schools. [See page 7.]

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the order was referred to the Committee on Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order relating to new instruments, etc., for the evening drawing schools was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Drawing.

Instruments, etc., for evening drawing-schools. [See page 7.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order relating to the course of study in evening drawing schools was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Drawing.

Course of study, evening drawing-schools. [See page 8.]

Mr. Packard, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That George S. Houghton, sub-master in the Lawrence District, be placed upon the eighth year of service in his grade, to date from March 1, 1889.

Salary of George S. Houghton.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Heating apparatus Girls' High school-house; ventilation of the building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to repair the heating apparatus of the Girls' High School-house, and improve the ventilation of the building.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Hygiene, offered the following: —

Records of contagious diseases.

Ordered, That the Committee on Hygiene be empowered to prepare and issue blank record-books, to be kept in all the schools, for the purpose of noting such facts in relation to contagious diseases as the committee in their judgment may deem necessary.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Green, for the same committee, it was —

Plan of study of physical exercises.

Ordered, That the Committee on Hygiene be instructed to formulate a plan for the establishment of the study of physical exercises in all the public schools on a thorough, systematic, and uniform basis, and to report their recommendations to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Green, for the same committee, it was —

Instructor in Hygiene to be consulted in regard to erection of school-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to invite the coöperation and counsel of the Instructor in Hygiene in the matter of the erection of new school-houses with especial reference to the sanitary features in the construction of such buildings.

Mr. Green, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Appropriation for sanitary improvements in school buildings.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to increase the ordinary appropriation for the department of public buildings for the financial year of 1889–90 by a special appropriation of $50,000, to be devoted

during that year to sanitary improvements in the public schools.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that partitions be substituted for the gates now in the corridors between the English High and Latin Schools, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on School Houses; partitions substituted for gates in corridors of English High and Latin School-house. [See page 59, Minutes, 1888.]

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order relating to additional windows and curtains in the Winthrop-street Primary School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School Houses; windows and curtains for Winthrop-street School-house. [See page 214, Minutes, 1888.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause additional windows to be placed in each room, and new curtains to be provided where they are needed, in the Winthrop-street Primary School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — the communication from the City Council that the School Board be requested to include in their annual estimates for 1889 a sum sufficient to construct a Primary School-house on Heath street, adjacent to Tremont street, reported that it is not the duty of the School Committee to include in their estimates the estimate for new school-houses; this is done by the Public Building Department of the City Council. Your committee have received no request from the Division Committee for a new school-house in the locality named, and have not included it in their report on needed additional school accommodations.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house on Heath street. [See pp. 23, 24.]

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, who were requested — Jan. 29 — to report, at the next meeting of

Report of the Committee on School Houses;

additional school accommodations. [See page 20.]

the Board, what permanent and temporary school accommodations are needed in this city, submitted a report, to which the following order was appended: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect new school buildings, and to enlarge and improve present school buildings and premises, and to provide temporary school accommodations as follows: —

New Grammar School-house in the Pierce District.

New Grammar School-house in the Gibson District.

New ten-room Grammar School-house at Boylston Station.

New Primary School-house in the Adams District.

New six-room Primary School-house in the Bunker Hill District.

New six or eight room Primary School-house in the Prince District.

New eight-room Primary School-house in the Lowell District.

New four-room Primary School-house in the George Putnam District.

New two-room Primary School-house in the Charles Sumner District.

New two-room Primary School-house in the Mt. Vernon District.

Alterations and repairs of the Austin Primary School-house, Paris street, East Boston.

Enlargement of yard of Prince School-house.

Grading and paving of yard, and suitable fence provided for the H-street School-house, South Boston.

Enlargement of Florence-street School-house.

Enlargement of Primary School-house, corner of Washington and Green streets, Jamaica Plain.

Enlargement of lot of Vernon-street School-house by purchase of adjoining estate on the corner of Vernon

and Auburn streets; and altering the building on said estate for temporary accommodations of Primary-School pupils.

Additional school accommodations at Orient Heights (six or eight rooms).

Additional temporary school accommodations in the Hancock District.

Additional temporary school accommodations in the George Putnam District.

Improved Primary-School accommodations in the Bennet District.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was

Ordered, That the report of the committee on School Houses on school accommodations be printed.

Report of Committee on School Houses on school accommodations to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Winship, it was

Ordered, That the teachers of the public schools of this city be and hereby are instructed to give special attention to eradicating the use of "ers" by their pupils; and that the principals of schools are hereby directed to see that this order is carried into effect.

Eradicating use of "ers" by pupils.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by fifty-five of the principals of public schools in this city, praying that the new Grammar School, corner of Fifth and H streets, South Boston, be named the "Philbrick School," in honor of the late Hon. John D. Philbrick, so many years Superintendent of schools of this city, in recognition of his great and valuable services in the cause of education.

Petition of principals of public schools in Boston for naming new school-house in South Boston in honor of John D. Philbrick.

Referred to the Committee on Sixth Division.

Mr. Murphy, from the Committee on Manual Training Schools, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Annual report of the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Resignation of Caroline E. Hastings as member of committees.

The Chair presented the resignation of Miss Caroline E. Hastings as a member of the Committees on Annual Report, Examinations, and Normal School.

Accepted.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees: —

Annual Report. — Mr. Walsh.

Examinations. — Mr. Emery.

Hygiene. — Mr. Winship, Miss Hastings.

Manual Training Schools. — Mrs. Fifield, Miss Pingree.

Normal School. — Mr. Walsh.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 26, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Elliott, Green, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Dearborn District. — Mary F. Neale, fourth assistant, Feb. 1, 1889. Resignations of teachers.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Morse, third assistant, Sept. 5, 1888.

Stoughton District. — Isabel F. P. Emery, second assistant, April 1, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Pierce District. — Louise L. Carr, from Feb. 25, 1889. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bigelow District. — Bertha Pierce, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1889. Temporary teachers.

Lowell District. — Mary N. Sherburne, third assistant, from Feb. 26, 1889.

O'Brien District. — Isabella L. Bissett, fourth assistant, from Jan. 22, 1889.

Pierce District. — Belle M. Harrington, third assistant, from Feb. 21, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dearborn District. — Mary F. Neale, second assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Gibson District. — Annie C. McFarland, fourth assistant, from Feb. 25, 1889.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Morse, second assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of J. Y. Bergen, Jr.

Latin School. — Joseph Y. Bergen, Jr., special teacher of Physics.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Gibson District. — Mary A. Merritt, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from March 1, 1889.

ASSISTANTS IN EVENING SCHOOLS.

Teachers of evening schools.

Hancock School. — Florence I. Morse, from Feb. 4, 1889.

Neponset School. — Anna S. Coffey, from Feb. 5, 1889; Annette S. Blaney, from Feb. 11, 1889; Bertha M. Smith, from Feb. 12, 1889.

Quincy School. — Thomas A. Mullen, from Nov. 27, 1888.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers until April 1, 1889, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Frothingham District. — Harriet E. Frye, second assistant; John D. Philbrick, substitute.

Harriet E. Frye.

Harvard District. — Julia E. Harrington, second assistant; Samuel W. Clarke, substitute.

Julia E. Harrington.

Mather District. — Florence J. Bigelow, fourth assistant; Mary E. Nichols, substitute. Florence Harlow, substitute for Lillie A. Hicks, third assistant, granted leave of absence.

Florence J. Bigelow.

Minot District. — Mary J. Pope, fourth assistant; Mary E. Mullen, substitute.

Mary J. Pope.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Nominations be granted further time in which to report on the nominations of teachers for reëlection.

Committee on Nominations granted further time to report on nominations of teachers for reëlection.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Chair presented a communication from L. C. Pennell relating to the ventilation of school buildings, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Communication from L. C. Pennell; ventilation of school-houses.

Mr. Allen offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Primary School on Princeton street, East Boston, be named the "Noble School," in honor of the late John Noble, for twelve years a member of the School Committee of this city, in recognition of his valuable services in the cause of education.

Princeton-street School to be named the Noble School.

Referred to the Committee on the First Division.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 22 — an order that this committee consider and report upon the expediency of applying to the election of teachers in the public

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; tenure of office of teachers.
[See page 20.]

schools of this city the provisions of the bill entitled "An Act relating to the tenure of office of teachers," passed by the General Court of Massachusetts, and approved June 22, 1886, submitted a report, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; communication from L. B. Sawyer. [See page 21.]

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Jan. 22 — a petition from the engineer of the Latin and English High School, requesting that certain improvements be made in the living-rooms in the building occupied by him, reported that the matter has been attended to, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Feb. 25, 1889.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council, for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being eleven months' payments of the present financial year: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1888–89.	March Draft.	Expenditures, 11 months, 1888–89.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,269,678 00	$113,297 83	$1,164,874 10	$104,803 90
Salaries, Officers . . .	58,180 00	4,848 33	53,308 66	4,871 34
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	249,516 45	8,424 07	90,708 60	13,999 08
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		5,797 65	72,182 63	
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		7,677 49	72,626 14	
Kindergartens	18,500 00	2,806 69	11,443 45	7,056 55
	$1,595,874 45	$142,852 06	$1,465,143 58	$130,730 87

As compared with the corresponding time last year: —

Salaries of Instructors, increased	$33,076 55
Salaries of Officers, increased	549 00
Carried forward,	$33,625 55

Brought forward.	$33,625 55
Fuel, Gas, and Water, increased	8,026 94
Books, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses, increased	7,303 77
Kindergartens, increased	11,443 45
	$60,399 71
Less decrease in Salaries of Janitors . . .	59 66
Total increase for eleven months . . .	$60,340 05

It is expected that the City Council will pass a vote allowing the Auditor to use surplus balances to offset deficiencies in the different appropriations. In that case the amount to the credit of the different appropriations, $130,730.87, will probably be sufficient to pay expenses the coming month.

For the Committee on Accounts,

GERALD GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*

Placed on file.

Repairs of Austin Primary School-house.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to raise the Austin Primary School-house, on Paris street, East Boston, about five feet, and provide steam-heating apparatus for the same, during the next summer vacation.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of George S. Houghton. [See page 45.]

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that George S. Houghton, sub-master in the Lawrence District, be placed upon the eighth year of service in his grade, to date from March 1, 1889, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Hiram M. George. [See pp. 44, 45.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that Hiram M. George, sub-master in the Tileston District, be placed upon the

seventh year of service in his grade, reported that a similar request was made to the committee of last year, and that committee were unable to recommend the increase asked for. Your committee can see no reason to reverse the recommendation of the committee of last year, and are of the opinion that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Salaries of Instructors.

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, presented the annual report of that committee (School Doc. 2, 1889), containing a schedule of salaries of instructors for the ensuing year, and recommending the passage of the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be for the ensuing school year as contained in the following schedule. (See School Doc. 2, 1889.)

2. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-Masters, elected as Principals, $216; First Assistants, elected as Principals, $72, each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior master be at the rate of $5 per day of actual service.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Improvement in ventilation of the Bartlett-street School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the ventilation of the Bartlett-street School-house, in the Dillaway District, to be improved.

Referred to Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; petition of

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred, from the files of last year,

the petition of Mrs. Althea Somes to use the school-kitchen No. 4, for lectures in cooking on Saturday mornings, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mrs. Althea Somes for use of school-kitchen for lectures. [See page 198, Minutes, 1888.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be requested to require that pupils in classes in Cooking, Carpentry, and Sewing be marked the same as in other studies.

Pupils in classes in cooking, carpentry, and sewing to be marked as in other studies.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the School Board accept the offer of friends of the Horace Mann School to fit up three rooms in the new school building, for manual training.

Rooms in Horace Mann School-house for manual training.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause improvements to be made in the sanitary condition and in the ventilation of the Wait School-house, in the Franklin District.

Improvements in Wait School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause improvements to be made in the sanitary condition and in the ventilation of the Rutland-street School-house, in the Dwight District.

Improvements in Rutland-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Humphreys presented a petition, signed by A. R. Storer and ninety-one others, citizens of the Dorchester District, that the flag of the United States be caused to float from the High School building, situated in said

Petition for flag for Dorchester High School.

Dorchester District, during the hours of session of school held therein.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Clock-dials for schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to furnish each Grammar and Primary School building in the city, with a clock-dial, to be used in instructing the pupils.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Enlarged powers of School Board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to appear before the Committee of the Legislature, and urge upon them the expediency of giving our School Board enlarged powers.

Mr. Emery moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters, and that the remarks of Mr. Capen upon the order be printed in the minutes.

Lost.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Murphy, the order was referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Report of Committee on Drawing; course of study, Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 8, 45.]

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that the course of study in the Evening Drawing Schools be enlarged by adding the following studies: Stereotomy, Bills of Quantities of the several materials used in building, Sanitary Science, and Heating and Ventilation, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Drawing; models for Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 7, 45.]

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that the schools in which ship-draughting is taught shall be provided with models of ships, made of wood, from an ordinary row-

boat to a transatlantic passenger steamer and a man-of-war, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that new instruments, T squares, and triangles be supplied to the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Drawing; instruments, etc., for Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 7, 45.]

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to supply new sets of instruments, T squares, and triangles to the Evening Drawing Schools, where they are needed.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 12, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Miss Pingree, Messrs. Capen, Elliott, and Grainger.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the printed records of the last meeting were amended by inserting the word "accepted" immediately before the words "assistants in Evening Schools," page 52.

Minutes amended.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them, as amended, in print.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 28, 1889.

Communication from the Common Council; attendance of children at Dor.-Everett School.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to this body why it is that some of the children are obliged to go to the Everett School (Dorchester), when there is room enough in the Hugh O'Brien School, Ward 20.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 28, 1889.

Passed.

HORACE G. ALLEN,
President.

A true copy.
Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Lucy E. Johnson, fourth assistant, Feb. 1, 1889.

Chapman District. — James Burrier, sub-master, March 4, 1889.

Gaston District. — Annie E. Hills, second assistant, March 1, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Stoughton District. — Anna S. Coffey, from March 5, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior-master, from March 10, 1889.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from March 5, 1889.

Bowdoin District. — Julia G. L. Morse, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1889.

Dearborn District. — Annie M. Wilson, third assistant, from March 5, 1889.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from March 5, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, from March 11, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bigelow District. — Bertha Peirce, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1889; Annie S. McKissick, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1889.

Mather District. — Lena LeV. Dutton, fourth assistant, from Feb. 25, 1889.

Albany-street Kindergarten. — Daisy G. Dame, assistant, from March 4, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dor.-Everett District. — Lucy G. Flusk, fourth assistant.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Margaret Holmes, first assistant.

Lowell District. — Anna G. Wells, fourth assistant.

Rice District. — Florence Marshall, first assistant; Almira I. Wilson, second assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Albany-street Kindergarten. — Jennie B. Brown, assistant on probation, to the same position in the Neponset Kindergarten, the transfer to date from March 4, 1889.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Legislative Matters; enlarged powers of School Board. [See page 58.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Legislative Matters, to whom was referred — Feb. 26 — an order that the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to appear before the Committee of the Legislature and urge upon them the expediency of giving our School Board enlarged powers, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to ask from the Legislature that the School Committee of the City of Boston have the right and power to locate school sites, to bond and purchase land for school sites if they deem it necessary, to pro-

vide temporary accommodations, to fix finally and conclusively the plans for school-houses to be erected.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Notice of hearing at State House on increased powers of School Committee.

The Chair stated that notice had been received that the Committee on Cities of the Legislature would give a hearing on the subject of increased powers of the School Committee of the City of Boston, in Room 14, State House, on Wednesday, March 13, at half-past ten o'clock A.M.

Leave of absence to Frank W. Freeborn.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, leave of absence until April 1, 1889, was granted to Frank W. Freeborn, master in the Boys' Latin School.

Report of Committee on First Division; Princeton-street School to be named the Noble School. [See page 53.]

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 26 — an order concerning the naming of a school-house in East Boston, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Primary School in Princeton street, East Boston, be named the "Noble School," in honor of the late John Noble, for twelve years a member of the School Committee of this city, in recognition of his valuable services in the cause of education.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Establishment of a Kindergarten in the Bennett District.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Bennett District.

Mr. Packard, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Retiring-room for teachers in Bigelow School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a retiring-room for the teachers in the Bigelow School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Packard, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the front of the yard of the Lincoln School-house to be paved.

Lincoln School-house yard to be paved.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Packard, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the yard of the Lincoln School-house by including the adjacent land belonging to the city.

Enlargement of yard of Lincoln School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Packard, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That two ungraded classes may hereafter be maintained in the Lawrence District.

Two ungraded classes in Lawrence District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Mowry offered the following: —

Whereas, Mr. C. Goodwin Clark, now deceased, had, at the time of his death, commenced the seventh month of his service in the present school year, —

Salary of C. Goodwin Clark.

Ordered, That a sum be paid to his widow, or legal representative, sufficient to make the amount already paid seven-tenths of the year's salary.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Emery offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare and issue an edition of the school-district maps, showing the boundary lines of the school districts.

Maps of school districts.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report upon the expediency of so amending the Regulations that upon application to the

Supervisors' record of teachers; teachers to be

informed of standing in.

Secretary of the Board any teacher may be furnished with the private record of the Board of Supervisors concerning such teacher.

Lost.

Notice of hearing at State House on subject of manual training.

The Chair stated that notice had been received that the Committee on Education of the Legislature would give a hearing on the subject of manual training in the Grammar and Primary Schools, in Room 12, State House, on Friday, March 15, at half-past ten o'clock, A.M.

On motion of Mr. Winship, it was

Physical exercises in schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Hygiene, until otherwise ordered, be given full powers in the department of physical exercises; and that they be empowered to issue such instructions to the teachers with regard to this department, as, in the opinion of said committee, will secure the greatest benefit to the pupils.

Report of Committee on Supplies; flag for Dorchester High School. [See page 57.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Feb. 26 — a petition from A. R. Storer and ninety-one others, that the flag of the United States be caused to float from the Dorchester High School during school-hours, reported that they have considered the matter, and that in their opinion it is inexpedient to take any action at the present time.

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, offered the following: —

Excess of appropriation for printing.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be granted permission to exceed the appropriation made for printing for 1888-89, as it is expected that the amount granted, viz., fifty-six hundred dollars, will prove insufficient for the purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regula-

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on tenure of office of

teachers (School Doc. 4, 1889) was taken from the table and accepted. The following order was appended to the report: —

tions; tenure of office of teachers.
[See pp. 20, 53.]

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows: —

SECTION 55. Insert after the word "instructors," in the sixth line, the words "and also the nominations for the election of instructors for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency."

Insert the following: —

SECT. 82. All instructors, not otherwise provided for, shall be elected annually. All instructors, except those of the evening schools and evening drawing schools, temporary teachers, and special assistants, who have served successfully for four successive years, and are recommended by the committees in charge for election for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency, shall, when elected, hold their office during the pleasure of the Board. The Board may, at any time, remove an instructor.

Change the number of the present Section 82 to 83, and amend the section as follows: Insert after the words "financial year," in the third line, the words "who have not been elected for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency." Insert after the words "when elected," in the thirteenth line, the words "and not otherwise provided for."

Change the number of present Section 83 to 84, and amend the section as follows: Insert after the word "school-year," in the twelfth line, the following words: "and who have not been elected for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency, for reëlection. At the same time the committees in charge shall submit to the Committee on Nominations their recommendations of teachers eligible, under the rules, for election for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency." Add the following to the section: "who have not been elected for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency. The Committee on Nominations shall include in their report to the Board a statement of the names of all schools and districts in which the number and rank of instructors allowed by the Rules and Regulations have been exceeded, with the reasons for such excess, and such recommendations as the committee consider desirable."

Insert the following sections: —

SECT. 85. It shall be the duty of the committees in charge, at the annual canvass of the teachers in February, to carefully examine the standing of each instructor. If it shall appear that any instructor has become inefficient or incompetent to fill the position

to which such instructor has been elected, or is unfaithful in the discharge of the duties thereof, such instructor shall be required to appear before the committee in charge of the school, district, or subject taught by such instructor. If, after careful investigation, the committee in charge is of the opinion that such instructor is unsuitable for his position, they shall report the facts, in writing, to the Board, and such instructor may be removed by the Board. The report of any committee recommending the dismissal of any instructor shall lie on the table for at least two weeks before final action thereon is taken by the Board.

Sect. 86. Whenever the Superintendent or a Supervisor is satisfied that a principal or other instructor has become inefficient or incompetent to fill the position to which such instructor has been elected, or is unfaithful in the discharge of the duties thereof, and whenever a principal is satisfied that a subordinate teacher in his school or district has become inefficient or incompetent to fill the position to which such instructor has been elected, or is unfaithful in the discharge of the duties thereof, the Superintendent, Supervisor, or principal shall promptly report the same, in writing, to the committee in charge of the school, district, or subject taught by such instructor. The committees in charge shall immediately investigate the cases referred to them under the provisions of this section, and if satisfied that such instructors are unsuitable for their positions, they shall, within two months from the time of reference, report the facts in writing to the Board, and such instructors may be removed by the Board.

Change the number of the present Section 84 to 87.

Change the number of the present Section 85 to 88, and amend the section as follows: —

Strike out the words, "has been nominated for reëlection," and insert in place thereof the word "is."

Insert the following: —

Sect. 89. Instructors, after retiring from the service of the Board, shall, upon reëntering the service, be regarded as new teachers, except that if at the time of their retirement such instructors were serving on a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency, they may, after serving one year on probation, and on the recommendation of the committee in charge, be elected for a tenure of office during the pleasure of the Board.

Change the number of the present Section 86 to 90.

Change the numbers of the present Sections 87, 88, to 91, 92, respectively.

Change the number of the present Section 89 to 93, and amend the section as follows: —

Strike out all after the words "Board of Supervisors," page 18, and insert in place thereof the following words: "for satisfactory reasons, may remove any subordinate teacher on probation, if found to be incompetent or unsuitable for the position, and may extend the time of probation."

Renumber the remaining sections of Chapter VII. to conform to the changes contained in this order.

The order was passed to a second reading.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of changing the district lines in the fourth division, with a view to utilizing the vacant rooms in some of the school-houses, and to relieving the crowded districts in other divisions.

Changes in district lines of Fourth, Fifth, and Seventh Divisions; utilizing vacant rooms.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order was amended by substituting the words "fourth, fifth, and sixth divisions" for the words "fourth division."

The order, as amended, passed.

The Chair presented sixteen official notices from the State Inspector of Buildings, relating to improved sanitary conditions and means of ventilation in several of the public school buildings in this city.

Communication from State Inspector of Buildings; sanitary improvements in school-houses.

Referred to the City Council.

Mr. Humphreys offered the following: —

Ordered, That seven hundred extra copies of the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on tenure of office of teachers be printed. (School Doc. No. 4, 1889.)

Additional copies of report on tenure of office of teachers. (Sch. Doc. 4, 1889.)

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, it was

Flags for schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies consider the expediency of furnishing each High and Grammar School with a flag of the United States, where one is not provided.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Tenure of office of officers of School Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters ask the Legislature for power to elect all officials now elected by the Board, except the Treasurer, during good behavior and efficiency.

Subsequently the vote whereby the order was declared passed, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the order was amended by striking out the words "officials now elected by the Board, except the Treasurer," and by inserting in place thereof the words "salaried officers of the Board."

The order, as amended, passed.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Repairs in Skinner and Starr King School-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause necessary repairs to be made in the Skinner and Starr King School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Swasey in the chair.

Mr. Packard announced the death of C. Goodwin Clark, late master of the Gaston School, and offered the following resolutions: —

Resolutions on death of C. Goodwin Clark.

Whereas, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death C. Goodwin Clark, master of the Gaston School, therefore

Resolved, That the School Committee desire to express their appreciation of the long and successful service of Mr. Clark as an honored master of our public schools.

Resolved, That Mr. Clark, during his service of

nearly thirty years in the schools of this city, devoted himself earnestly and faithfully to the cause of education, and especially to our public schools; and by his liberal, practical views has secured an enviable reputation among the people, teachers, and pupils, who all join in the general expression of grief at the loss of a respected and beloved teacher.

Resolved, That we extend to the wife, children, and relatives of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records, and that a copy of the same be suitably engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The President in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 23, 1889.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 12 o'clock M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Elliott, Green, McDonald, O'Grady, Packard, and Swasey.

The Chair, in a brief eulogistic address, announced the death of Mr. Gerald Griffin, late a member of the School Committee. Death of Mr. Gerald Griffin.

Mr. Murphy offered the following resolutions: —

Whereas, It has pleased God, in His all-wise Providence, to remove by death an honored member of this Board, — Resolutions on death of Mr. Gerald Griffin.

Resolved, That this Board have learned with great sorrow and regret the sad intelligence of the sudden death, in the prime of a life of great promise, of our late associate, Gerald Griffin.

Resolved, That the School Board desire to place upon their records an expression of their high appreciation of the earnest and conscientious service of Mr. Griffin as a member of this Board, and their great respect for him as a man. His courteous bearing, his genial presence in official and familiar intercourse, have won for him the highest esteem and friendship of us all. His relations with us ensure his being held always in abiding and affectionate memory.

Resolved, That we extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to his sorrowing family and friends in their great bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full

upon the records of the Board, and a copy thereof, suitably engrossed, be sent to the family of the deceased; that the Board attend the funeral in a body, and that the desk lately occupied by Mr. Griffin be draped for a period of thirty days.

In presenting the resolutions Mr. Murphy paid a high and touching tribute to Mr. Griffin as a member of the Board, as a man, and as a friend.

Mr. Emery seconded the resolutions, with a few remarks in eulogy of the deceased. Appropriate remarks were made by Miss Hastings and Messrs. Schindler, Capen, and Walsh.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was

Floral tribute.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to provide a suitable floral tribute.

The Chair stated that Dr. Packard was unable to be present on account of his being confined to the house by illness.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 26, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Elliott, Grainger, Green, McDonald, O'Grady, and Packard.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the reading of the records of the two preceding meetings was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 11, 1889.

Communication from City Council; transfer of unexpended balances of appropriations School Committee.

Ordered, That the proviso in the appropriation bill, approved June 2, 1888, under the item of schools and school-houses, be amended so as to read as follows: —

The City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer from School Instructors, School Expenses, School Committee, Salaries of Officers School Committee, and Kindergartens, such unexpended balances as may be needed to make any deficiency that may occur in either of the above-named appropriations.

Passed. Yeas, 12. Sent down for concurrence.

March 14, came up concurred: yeas, 57, nays, none.

Approved by the Mayor, March 18, 1889.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 14, 1889.

Communication from City Council; use of gymnasium High School building.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to allow to the pupils of the High and Latin Schools the use of the gymnasium in their building from the date of their entrance into said schools.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, March 18, concurred.
Approved by the Mayor, March 20, 1889.
A true copy.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 18, 1889.

Communication from Board of Aldermen; Walpole-street School-house.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting whether or not the Walpole-street School-house is needed for school purposes.

Passed.
Approved by the Mayor, March 20, 1889.
A true copy.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Request for Walpole-street School-house for accommodation of Kindergartens.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to surrender the Walpole-street School-house to the School Committee, as it is needed for the accommodation of Kindergartens.

The Chair presented the following: —

Petition of Mass. Emergency Association; use of school-house yards during the summer vacation.

To the School Committee of Boston: —

The undersigned again respectfully petition that such school-yards as are suitable for the purpose may be opened at certain hours of the week, during the summer vacation of the schools, to be used as play-grounds by little children who must remain in the city all summer. The play-grounds will be, as last season, under the constant supervision of matrons, and all expenses will be borne by the Mass. Emergency and Hygienic Association, and by private contribution. That they are of great benefit to the children of the city has

been so fully demonstrated that it is earnestly hoped that the committee will allow the yards to be opened again this summer.

FRANCIS MINOT, M.D.,
President Mass. E. and H. Association.
CHARLES F. SHIMMIN.
ROBERT TREAT PAINE.
JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

On motion of Dr. Blake, it was

Voted, That the petition be granted.

The Chair read the following: —

Petition of High-School teachers; plan of coöperation between the Public Library and High Schools.

The undersigned, members of a committee representing the High-School teachers of Boston, respectfully petition that the Board of School Committee consider and assent to the following plan of co-operation between the Public Library and the High Schools; the said plan having been approved and adopted at a meeting of High-School teachers held Dec. 20, 1888.

The said plan is as follows: —

There would be a new kind of card, called the High-School pupils' card, and one card of this kind would be issued to each pupil to enable him to take out, and to keep for two weeks, a book which bears upon some subject of school-work. Its possession should not preclude the possession and use of the ordinary citizen's card for miscellaneous reading. The card should be in the custody of the teacher, and its use subject to his direction. This privilege should be granted only upon application of the teacher for whose use it is intended, and only upon condition that he would be responsible in the last resort for the return of the books borrowed and for the payment of the fines incurred.

GEORGE W. EVANS,
SAMUEL THURBER,
JOSEPHINE L. SANBORN,
GEO. W. ROLLINS,
JOHN TETLOW,
FRANCIS A. WATERHOUSE,
MOSES MERRILL.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Tenure of office of teachers; amendment of Rules and Regulations. [See pp. 20, 53, 67, 68, 69.]

The order to amend the Rules and Regulations, relating to tenure of office of teachers (see pp. 67, 68, 69), took its second reading.

The order passed.

Subsequently Mr. Chapin moved that the vote whereby the order was declared passed be reconsidered.

Lost.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Latin School. — Theodore P. Farr, junior-master, March 11, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Dillaway District. — Edith M. Hobbs and Sarah A. Driscoll, from February 11 and February 25, 1889, respectively.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Edward F. Holden, junior-master.

Bunker Hill District. — Elizabeth B. Norton, second assistant, Primary School.

Chapman District. — Kate L. Niland, third assistant.

Eliot District. — Agnes C. Moore, third assistant.

Hancock District. — Florence E. Phillips, fourth assistant.

Harvard District. — Fanny A. Foster, second assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Eliot District. — Tilson A. Mead, sub-master, to the same position in the Chapman District, the transfer to date from March 21, 1889.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following: —

Ordered, That for the present year the canvass of instructors shall take place in April, and the recommendations of the committees in charge for reëlection, and election of teachers for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency, shall be submitted to the Committee on Nominations on or before June 3, and the Committee on Nominations shall report on these recommendations at the second regular meeting in June. The term of service of such teachers as may be elected at that time shall begin Sept. 1, 1889. Those teachers not elected to serve during the pleasure of the Board shall be elected for a term ending March 31, 1890.

Canvass of teachers for reëlection.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the principals of schools who are elected by ballot, the director of drawing, the director of modern languages, and the instructor in hygiene, now in the service of the city, be continued in service until Sept. 1, 1889, and that the Board ballot for such instructors.

Continuation in service of principals, directors of drawing and modern langnages, and instructor in hygiene.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Blake, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for such instructors.

Ballot.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

			Votes.
Normal School	Larkin Dunton,	Head-Master,	had 16
Rice Training School	Delwin A. Hamlin,	Master,	" 16
Public Latin "	Moses Merrill,	Head-Master,	" 16
Girls' " " / Girls' High "	John Tetlow,	"	" 16

			Votes.
English High School	Francis A. Waterhouse,	Head-Master,	had 16
East Boston High "	Charles J. Lincoln,	Master,	" 16
Roxbury " "	Charles M. Clay,	Head-Master,	" 16
Dorchester " "	Elbridge Smith,	Master,	" 16
Charlestown " "	John O. Norris,	Head-Master,	" 16
W. Roxbury " "	George C. Mann,	Master,	" 16
Brighton " "	Benjamin Wormelle,	"	" 16

First Division.

Adams School	Frank F. Preble,	Master,	had 16
Chapman "	George R. Marble,	"	" 16
Emerson "	James F. Blackinton,	"	" 16
Lyman "	Augustus H. Kelley,	"	" 16

Second Division.

Bunker Hill School	Samuel J. Bullock,	Master,	had 16
Frothingham "	William B. Atwood,	"	" 16
Harvard "	W. E. Eaton,	"	" 16
Prescott "	Edwin T. Horne,	"	" 16
Warren "	E. Bradford Gay,	"	" 16

Third Division.

Bowdoin School	Alonzo Meserve,	Master,	had 16
Eliot "	Samuel Harrington,	"	" 16
Hancock "	Lewis H. Dutton,	"	" 16
Phillips "	Elias H. Marston,	"	" 16
Wells "	Orlendo W. Dimick,	"	" 16

Fourth Division.

Brimmer School	Quincy E. Dickerman,	Master,	had 16
Prince "	E. Bentley Young,	"	" 16
Quincy "	Alfred Bunker,	"	" 16
Winthrop "	Robert Swan,	"	" 16

Fifth Division.

Dwight School	James A. Page,	Master,	had 16
Everett "	Walter S. Parker,	"	" 16
Franklin "	Granville B. Putnam,	"	" 16
Hyde "	Silas C. Stone,	"	" 16
Sherwin "	Frank A. Morse,	"	" 16

Sixth Division.

			Votes.
Andrew School	Joshua M. Dill,	Master, had	16
Bigelow "	Thomas H. Barnes,	" "	16
Lawrence "	Amos M. Leonard,	" "	16
Lincoln "	Alonzo G. Ham,	" "	16
Norcross "	Fred. O. Ellis,	" "	16
Shurtleff "	Henry C. Hardon,	" "	16

Seventh Division.

Comins School	Myron T. Pritchard,	Master, had	16
Dearborn "	Charles F. King,	" "	16
Dillaway "	Sarah J. Baker,	" "	16
Dudley "	Leverett M. Chase,	" "	16
Geo. Putnam School	Henry L. Clapp,	" "	16
Hugh O'Brien "	Harlan P. Gage,	" "	16
Lewis School	Wm. L. P. Boardman,	" "	16
Lowell "	Daniel W. Jones,	" "	16
Martin "	Charles W. Hill,	" "	16

Eighth Division.

Agassiz School	John T. Gibson,	Master, had	16
Allston "	G. W. M. Hall,	" "	16
Bennett "	Henry L. Sawyer,	" "	16
Charles Sumner School	Artemas Wiswall,	" "	16
Hillside School	Albert F. Ring,	" "	16
Mount Vernon School	John C. Ryder,	Sub-Master, "	16

Ninth Division.

Dor.-Everett School	Henry B. Miner,	Master, had	16
Gibson School	William E. Endicott,	" "	16
Harris "	N. Hosea Whittemore,	" "	16
Mather "	Edward Southworth,	" "	16
Minot "	Joseph T. Ward, Jr.,	" "	16
Pierce "	Horace W. Warren,	Sub-Master, "	16
Stoughton "	Edward M. Lancaster,	Master, "	16
Tileston "	Hiram M. George,	Sub-Master, "	16

Horace Mann School	Sarah Fuller,	Principal, had	16

Instructor in Hygiene	John B. Moran	had	16
Director of Drawing	Henry Hitchings	"	16
Director of Modern Languages	Alphonse N. Van Daell	"	16

The principals, the directors of drawing and modern languages, and the instructor in hygiene, above named, having received the necessary number of votes required by the rules, were declared continued in service until Sept. 1, 1889.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following: —

Instructors continued in service.

Ordered, That all instructors in the public schools now in the service of the city, with the exception of principals of schools who are elected by ballot, the director of drawing, the director of modern languages, the instructor in hygiene, the instructor in military drill, the special instructors in calisthenics, temporary teachers, and special assistants, Primary Schools, be continued in service until Sept. 1, 1889.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. Allen, Blake, Capen, Emery, Fallon, Humphreys, Mowry, Murphy, Schindler, Swasey, Walsh, and Winship. — 16.

Nay: Mr. Chapin.

Absent: Messrs. Elliott, Grainger, Green, McDonald, O'Grady, and Packard.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following: —

Instructors continued in service.

Ordered, That the instructor in military drill and the special instructors in calisthenics now in the service of the city be continued in service until Sept. 1, 1889.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. Allen, Blake, Capen, Emery, Fallon, Humphreys, Mowry, Murphy, Schindler, Swasey, Walsh, and Winship. — 16.

Nay: Mr. Chapin.

Absent: Messrs. Elliott, Grainger, Green, McDonald, O'Grady, and Packard.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Latin School. — Theodore P. Farr, substitute for Frank W. Freeborn, junior-master, granted leave of absence.

Theodore P. Farr, substitute.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, second assistant, Primary School, until April 1, 1889; Jennie M. Jamison, substitute.

Elizabeth R. Preston.

Brimmer District. — Sarah E. Adams, second assistant, until Sept. 1, 1889.

Sarah E. Adams.

Winthrop District. — Katharine K. Marlow, second assistant, until July 1, 1889; Emily H. Osborne, substitute.

Katharine K. Marlow.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the annual report of the Committee on Salaries (School Doc. 2, 1889) was taken from the table.

Annual report of the Committee on Salaries: salaries of instructors. [See page 56.]

The following orders were appended to the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be for the ensuing year as contained in the following schedule. (See School Doc. 2, 1889.)

2. *Ordered*, That masters elected as principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school-year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; sub-masters elected as principals, $216; first assistants elected as principals, $72 each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior-master be at the rate of $5 per day of actual service.

The report was accepted.

The first order passed.

The second order passed.

The third order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; visits of teachers to other schools, amendment of Regulations. [See page 29.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that Section 220 of the Regulations, relating to the visits of teachers to other schools, be amended, reported that under the present regulation, which requires that when teachers are visiting other schools the care of their pupils should be provided for in a manner satisfactory to the principals, there has been no general custom followed. In some districts the schools have been dismissed; in others, the care of the classes of absent teachers has been intrusted to other teachers and to pupils, and in other cases substitutes have been placed in charge. To avoid frequent interruptions of the school work, and to insure a uniform practice with regard to this matter, your committee are of the opinion that it would be for the best interests of the schools to dismiss a school and devote a day, once a quarter, to the visiting of other schools. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 220 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the words "if the care of their pupils has been provided for in a manner satisfactory to the principals," and inserting in place thereof the following words: "and any class or school may be dismissed for this purpose by the principal, with the consent of the committee in charge. Notice of the closing of the schools for this purpose shall be sent by the principals to the supervisors in charge."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the rules were suspended, the order took its second reading, and passed.

Report of Committee on

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was

referred — Feb. 12 — an order that the Secretary be instructed to print a sufficient number of copies of the list of Normal-School graduates who are not teaching, and report the same to the Board at the second meeting in January of each year, reported that the Regulations provide for the annual revision of the list of candidates eligible as teachers, which list includes the graduates of the Normal School. This list, in the opinion of your committee, is sufficient, and they recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Rules and Regulations; list of unemployed Normal-School graduates. [See pp. 8, 41.]

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that non-resident teachers shall not be engaged as teachers when there are unemployed teachers in the city, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; non-resident teachers. [See pp. 9, 42.]

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that the Regulations be amended by providing that the seventeenth of June shall be included in the regular holidays provided for in the Regulations, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; holiday June 17, amendment of Regulations. [See page 45.]

Ordered, That Section 239 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Decoration Day," the words "the seventeenth of June," and by striking out the abbreviation "etc."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that before the Text-Book Committee shall recommend to the Board the addition or substitution of a text-book, it shall obtain, in writing, the opinion of all the principals of the schools to be affected, in answer to a written inquiry as to

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; changes in text-books, opinions of principals to be obtained. [See page 42.]

whether such addition or substitution is expedient; but if the book is a book for use in Grammar Schools, a reply from fifteen Grammar-School masters shall justify a recommendation to the Board, reported that they have carefully considered the matter referred to them, and in their judgment it would be both unwise and inexpedient to so change our Rules and Regulations as to make them conform to the requirements of this order.

Your committee are led to this conclusion by the following reasons: —

1. Because it would necessarily divert the attention of the principals of our schools from their useful and legitimate duties, and subject them to continual interruptions and interviews from interested publishers and their irrepressible agents.

2. Because, in our judgment, the Committee on Text-Books are now, as well as heretofore, both competent and willing to seek all the information necessary and available to lay before the Board, before making such recommendations.

3. Because we do not think it either just or reasonable to make the recommendations of any committee of this Board subservient to the will of the principals of our schools.

For these and such like reasons your committee respectfully report that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; changes in text-books, notice of; copies of new text-books proposed for adoption to be

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that whenever a change is proposed to be made in the list of authorized text-books, either by additions or substitutions, notice of such proposed change or substitution shall be given to the Board, at least at the second meeting next before such proposed addition or substitution; and no such

change or substitution shall be made until the Text-Book Committee shall have forwarded, or caused to be forwarded, for examination to each member of the Board, the Superintendent, and Supervisors, a copy of the book proposed to be added or substituted, reported that they have carefully considered the order, and that, according to the statute law of this Commonwealth, a change only can be made in the school-books used in our public schools by a vote of two-thirds of the whole School Committee at a meeting of said committee, and that notice of such intended change must have been given at a previous meeting. In view of the requirements of this law, and that this Board has never, to our knowledge, been asked by the Text-Book Committee to make any change, either by addition or substitution, in the school-books used in our public schools, by hasty or inconsiderate action, it does not seem to your committee that there is any legislation called for in this matter. Besides, the passage of the order proposed would not be very creditable to the sense or judgment of the Board. The order expressly prohibits any change or substitution in the matter of text-books, until the Text-Book Committee shall have forwarded, or caused to be forwarded, for examination to each member of the Board, the Superintendent, and Supervisors, a copy of the book proposed to be added. But the Text-Book Committee have no authority of law, or even of custom, to comply with the requirements of this order.

sent to School Committee, Superintendent, and Supervisors. [See pp. 42, 43.]

When it is remembered that some text-books are required in very limited numbers, as, for example, "Heine's Die Harzreise," of which only thirty copies have been purchased; "Schiller's Prose," of which only forty copies have been purchased; "La Mère de la Marquise," only sixty copies; "La Fontaine's Fables," only fifty-seven copies; "Bulfinch's Age of Fable," only forty

copies, the cost of this last-named book being one dollar and a half a copy, — it would seem to your committee not only unreasonable and extravagant, but highly reprehensible, to require that thirty-one copies of each of these books should be supplied to the members of this Board, the Superintendent, and Board of Supervisors.

Again, not all the members of the Board understand Greek or German. To require, therefore, that books in those languages should be furnished to members who do not understand them, who could not examine them with any degree of intelligence, would subserve no public interest, or be a benefit at all equal to the expense.

For these reasons your committee respectfully recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Establishment of a Kindergarten in the Martin District.

Ordered, That the Committee on Kindergartens be authorized to establish a Kindergarten in the Martin District.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, it was

Instructor of Kindergarten methods in the Normal School.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be requested to consider the expediency of appointing an instructor in Kindergarten methods in the Normal School.

Death of Barbara C. Farrington.

Miss Pingree, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the death of Barbara C. Farrington, late fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District.

Placed on file.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Temporary accommodations in the Lowell District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional temporary accommodations for four classes in the Lowell District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 12 — a communication from the Common Council, requesting the School Committee "to report to that body why it is that some of the children are obliged to go to the Everett School (Dorchester), when there is room enough in the Hugh O'Brien School, Ward 20," reported that no pupils in the Hugh O'Brien District are obliged to go to the Dorchester-Everett School. Upon the request of parents, a few pupils have been permitted to go to the Dorchester-Everett School on account of the long distances of their residences from the Hugh O'Brien School; and a few other pupils have been permitted to go to the Dorchester-Everett School, on account of the physical condition of such pupils, such condition being certified to in writing by a physician.

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; communication from Common Council, attendance of children at Dor.-Everett School.

Accepted, and a copy of the report ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of amending the Regulations so as to allow the sending of pupils for absent pupils.

Sending pupils for absent pupils; amendment of Regulations.

Mr. Chapin presented the following: —

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

The First Parish in Charlestown respectfully asks that an enclosed play-ground shall be provided for school-children on Town Hill, so called, near the meeting-house of the Parish.

It is believed that the comfort and security not only of the Parish and of residents in the neighborhood, but also of the children, will thus be promoted. Now, as well as for many years past, the children play on the public highway, both to their own risk and that of others. Balls, and stones, and various things are thrown, by which not only the glass, but even the sashes, of the windows in the meeting-house are often and badly broken, causing much annoyance and expense to the Parish.

Petition of First Parish of Charlestown for enclosed play-ground for children, Harvard Hill School-house.

The Parish respectfully suggests that the play-ground be enclosed at the northerly end of the Harvard School-house, on Harvard street, or on land of the estate of the late William Hurd, now vacant. The Parish also asks that no encroachment whatever be made on the open spaces now around its enclosure, recalling while it does so the tenure by which it holds its lands. Until the town was rebuilt, after its destruction by the British, the First Church held and occupied a site that was taken by the town authorities and made a part of the present City square. In return for this site the "Town House Hill" was granted (Oct. 27, 1782). All conditions imposed thereby on the church (or the Parish, which is its business party) have been fully observed by them. Encroachments on them have been repeated; hence the request above in regard to the open spaces still existing.

By order of the Standing Committee of the First Parish,

Very respectfully,

JAMES F. HUNNEWELL,

Chairman.

12 GREEN ST., CHARLESTOWN, March 23, 1889.

Placed on file, and a copy ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on Supplies; additional copies of report on tenure of office of teachers. (School Doc. 4, 1889.) [See page 69.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — March 12 — an order that seven hundred copies of the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on tenure of office of teachers be printed, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order (see page 69) passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Excess of appropriation for pianos, etc.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to exceed the appropriation for 1888–89, for pianos, piano-covers, and repairs.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council; new school-house on Eustis street. [See page 24.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — the communication from the Common Council, requesting the School Committee to inform the Council whether it would be expedient to build a school-house in the place of the present Eustis-street school, reported that a new school-house

in the place of the old one would be very desirable, and is much needed; but your committee are of the opinion that the very urgent demands in other school districts, especially where there are at present no school accommodations for large numbers of children, should first be provided for.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; suspension of morning session of schools in stormy weather. [See page 31.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the suspension of the morning sessions of the public schools in stormy weather, reported that in the opinion of your committee there are strong reasons why a signal to dispense with the morning sessions of the schools should be given. They believe that the chief objection to the proposition would be removed if some provision could be made to notify the parents and children in that section of the city in which the fire-alarm bells have been discontinued. The bell on Faneuil Hall would be sufficient for the North End, and by placing three additional bells in the city proper all sections of the city would be provided with ample means of notifying the people. Your committee are of the opinion that the expense would be fully compensated for in the benefits secured, and they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioners to place three additional fire-alarm bells in the city proper, in suitable locations, and connect them with the fire-alarm telegraph, in order that a signal may be given on the fire-alarm bells when the morning sessions of the public schools are to be suspended on account of stormy weather.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; change in boundary lines of Prince District. [See page 42.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order proposing changes in the district lines of the Prince District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the district lines of the Prince District be amended so as to read as follows : —

"Beginning at the water opposite the foot of West Chester park; thence by the water to Otter street; thence by the centre of Otter to Beacon street; thence by both sides of Beacon street and the centres of Charles street, Park square, etc."

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; retiring-room for teachers in Bigelow School. [See page 64.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 12 — an order concerning a retiring-room for teachers in the Bigelow School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a retiring-room for the teachers in the Bigelow School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; enlargement of yard of Lincoln School-house. [See page 65.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 12 — an order concerning the enlargement of the yard of the Lincoln School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the yard of the Lincoln School-house by including the adjacent land belonging to the city.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; improvements in Rutland-street School-house. [See page 57.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 26 — an order concerning the sanitary condition and ventilation of the Rutland-street School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to im-

prove the sanitary condition and ventilation of the Rutland-street School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order concerning the heating apparatus of the Girls' High School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on School Houses; heating apparatus of the Girls' High School-house; ventilation of the building. [See page 46.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to repair the heating apparatus of the Girls' High School-house, and to improve the ventilation of the building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order relating to a special appropriation for sanitary improvements in school-buildings, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriation for sanitary improvements in school-buildings. [See page 46.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to increase the ordinary appropriations for the department of public buildings for the financial year 1889–90, by a special appropriation of $50,000, to be devoted, during that year, to sanitary improvements in the public schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order concerning the ventilation of the Thomas-street Primary School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on School Houses; ventilation of Thomas-street School-house. [See page 40.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to improve the ventilation of the Thomas-street Primary School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 26 — an order concerning the ventilation of the Bartlett-street School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on School Houses; ventilation of Bartlett-street School-house. [See page 56.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause

the ventilation of the Bartlett-street Primary School-house to be improved.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; ventilation and sanitary condition of Wait school-house. [See pp. 29, 57.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom were referred — Feb. 12 and 26 — orders relating to the ventilation and sanitary condition of the Wait School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause improvements to be made in the ventilation and sanitary condition of the Wait School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication of L. C. Pennell, ventilation of school-houses. [See page 53.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 26 — a communication from Mrs. L. C. Pennell, relating to the subject of ventilation of school-houses, reported that it is inexpedient to take further action in the matter.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; repairs of Skinner and Starr King School-houses. [See page 70.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 12 — an order relating to necessary repairs in the Skinner and Starr King School-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause necessary repairs to be made in the Skinner and Starr King School-houses.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Johnson heat-regulating apparatus.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to introduce the Johnson Valve Service — a heat-regulating apparatus — into the school-houses now being erected.

Report of Committee on Supplies; employment of a stenographer

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that a stenographer be connected with the Board, and report in full the pro-

ceedings, reported that the committee have conferred with the proprietors of both the Boston "Evening Traveller" and the Boston "Evening Transcript" regarding the terms on which the work could be done, and have voted to recommend to the Board that the offer of the Boston "Evening Transcript" to report and print the proceedings of the Board, exclusive of printed reports of sub-committees, be accepted, it being estimated that the additional yearly cost over the present arrangement will be between two hundred and five hundred dollars. To carry out this recommendation, the committee present the following order: —

in report of the proceedings of School Board. [See pp. 7, 40.]

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be empowered to contract with the proprietors of the Boston "Evening Transcript" to make verbatim reports of the meetings of the School Board, and publish the same in all the editions of the paper on the following day, at an expense not exceeding ten dollars per column; also to furnish four hundred copies of the same report to be reprinted, at an expense not exceeding five dollars for each meeting.

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., March 26, 1889.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council, and the expenditures incurred by the School Committee for the financial year 1888–89; also the expenditures for 1887-88: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1888-89.	Expenditures, 1888-89.	Balance unexpended.	Expenditures, 1887-88.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,269,678 00	$1,274,349 17		$1,238,584 42
Salaries, Officers . . .	58,180 00	58,157 00		57,608 00
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	249,516 45	99,097 67	$9 36	98,947 00
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		74,949 74		71,133 28
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		75,956 69		69,276 28
Kindergartens	18,500 00	13,354 82		
	$1,595,874 45	$1,595,865 09	$9 36	$1,535,548 98

The expenses, as compared with those of last year, are as follows: —

Salaries of Instructors, increased	$35,764 75
Salaries of Officers, increased	549 00
Salaries of Janitors, increased	150 67
Fuel, Gas, and Water, increased	3,816 46
Books, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses, increased	6,680 41
Kindergartens, increased	13,354 82
Total increase in expenses	$60,316 11

The increase in the number of pupils over that of last year will be about 2,000, and it is expected that the net expenditures of the School Committee per pupil will be about the same as for last year.

For the Committee on Accounts,

G. R. SWASEY,
S. B. CAPEN,
L. D. PACKARD,
W. S. ALLEN.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Accounts; excess of appropriation for printing. [See page 66.]

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 12 — an order that the Committee on Supplies be granted permission to exceed the appropriation made for printing for the year 1888–89, reported that the order ought to pass; it being found impossible

to carry out the orders of the Board regarding printing, and keep within the estimates made for this purpose.

Accepted, and the order (see page 66) passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; salary of C. Goodwin Clark. [See page 65.]

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 12 — an order that a sum be paid to the widow or legal representative of Mr. C. Goodwin Clark, deceased, late master of the Gaston School, sufficient to make the amount already paid seven-tenths of the year's salary, reported that the committee gave the matter a careful consideration, and were unanimously of the opinion that the order offered is a just one; but that, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, there is no law authorizing the payment of the salary of any employee after his decease. For this reason, therefore, the committee are obliged to report adversely on the passage of the order, which they do with much regret.

Accepted.

Corporal punishment; amendment of Regulations.

Mr. Humphreys offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 221, page 39, of the Regulations, be amended by inserting after the word "only," in the seventh line, "by the principal, and by him only." Strike out the sentence beginning with the last word in the seventh line, and ending with the eighth word in the thirteenth line.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 9, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Grainger, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Packard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; petition of Denis Naughton to be allowed to purchase a strip of land from the lot of Smith-street School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 18, 1889.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the petition of Denis Naughton to be allowed to purchase a strip of land from the Smith-street School-house lot, Roxbury, respectfully recommend reference of the petition to the School Committee.

For the Committee,
HOMER ROGERS, *Chairman.*

Accepted, and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence.
March 28, 1889, came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

The communication and accompanying petition were referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; electric lights for School Committee chamber. [See page 20.]

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March, 1889.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred by the Common Council the request of the School Committee for the City Council to provide electric lights for the School-Committee cham-

ber, having considered the subject, respectfully recommend that the request be returned to the School Committee, as it is within their province to provide the same, and charge the expense to their appropriation.

For the Committee,
DAVID F. BARRY.

Accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 1, 1889.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the subject was referred to the Committee on School Houses, with instructions to have the work done.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Eliot District. — J. Ida Monroe, fourth assistant, April 1, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special Assistants, Primary Schools.

Phillips District. — Annie P. Elwell, from Feb. 25, 1889.

Prince District. — Eliza L. Tilden, from April 8, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — John Vaughn, junior-master, from April 8, 1889.

Adams District. — Emeline W. Ripley, third assistant, from Feb. 8, 1889.

Emerson District. — Henrietta S. Manson, fourth assistant, from April 8, 1889.

Gibson District. — Jessie C. Fraser, third assistant, from April 23, 1889.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, third assistant, from Feb. 7, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of teachers on probation from the date set against each, to Sept. 1, 1889: — Election of teachers on probation.

Boys' Latin School. — Isaac B. Burgess, junior-master, fourth year, from March 11, 1889.

Bowdoin District. — Harriet L. Smith, fourth assistant, from March 22, 1889.

Eliot District. — Walter A. Robinson, sub-master, third year, from March 21, 1889.

Lowell District. — Lillian S. Hilton, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1889.

Stoughton District. — Annie A. Webster, second assistant, from April 8, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Allston District. — Elizabeth C. Muldoon, fourth assistant. Confirmation of a teacher.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following nomination of a temporary teacher: — Temporary teacher.

Chapman District. — Mary Colesworthy, sub-master, from March 4 to 21, 1889, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Special Assistants, Primary Schools, continued in office.

Ordered, That special assistants, Primary Schools, in the service of the city April 8, 1889, be continued in service until July 1, 1889.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division; transfer of Thomas H. Barnes.

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division, reported the transfer of Thomas H. Barnes, principal of the Bigelow School, to the same position in the Gaston School, the transfer to date from April 10, 1889.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division; nomination for principal of Bigelow School.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Bigelow School, — Frederic H. Ripley, master, to date from April 10, 1889.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Bigelow School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Allen, and Walsh a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16. Necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. Frederic H. Ripley had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Bigelow School, with the rank of master, to date from April 10, 1889.

Frederic H. Ripley elected principal of the Bigelow School.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Robert E. Babson.

English High School. — Robert E. Babson, master, until Sept. 1, 1889; James Mahoney, substitute.

Anna E. Reed.

Adams District. — Anna E. Reed, second assistant, Primary School, until July 1, 1889; Ellen S. Bloomfield, substitute.

Agassiz District. — Mary A. Gott, first assistant, until July 1, 1889; John J. Moran, substitute. Mary A. Gott.

Allston District. — Mary J. Cavanagh, third assistant, until July 1, 1889; Hattie C. Leatherbee, substitute. Mary J. Cavanagh.

Bigelow District. — Mary L. Bright, fourth assistant, until May 1, 1889; Grace E. Holbrook, substitute. Mary L. Bright.

Bowdoin District. — Sarah O. Brickett, second assistant, until May 1, 1889; Annie M. Trundy, substitute. Sarah O. Brickett. Elizabeth R. Preston, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1889; Jennie M. Jamison, substitute. Elizabeth R. Preston.

Chapman District. — Jane F. Reid, first assistant, until July 1, 1889; Mary A. D. Maclean, substitute. Jane F. Reid.

Dearborn District. — Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant, until July 1, 1889; Alice W. Emerson, substitute. Philena W. Rounseville. Louisa D. Gage, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1889; Mary E. Connor, substitute. Louisa D. Gage.

Eliot District. — Cleone G. Tewksbury, fourth assistant, until Sept. 1, 1889; J. Gertrude Mulloney, substitute. Cleone G. Tewksbury.

Emerson District. — Sarah A. Bond, third assistant, until May 20, 1889; Emma J. Irving, substitute. Sarah A. Bond.

Lowell District. — Eliza C. Fisher, first assistant, until July 1, 1889; Anna W. Bumstead, substitute. Eliza C. Fisher.

Lyman District. — Ida E. Halliday, third assistant, until July 1, 1889; Leila L. Rand, substitute. Ida E. Halliday.

Mather District. — J. Annie Bense, first assistant, until July 1, 1889; Edna A. Hill, substitute. J. Annie Bense. Lillie A. Hicks, third assistant, until July 1, 1889; Florence Harlow, substitute. Lillie A. Hicks. Florence J. Bigelow, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1889; Mary E. Nichols, substitute. Florence J. Bigelow.

Pierce District. — Mary E. Mann, second assistant, until June 1, 1889; Minna B. Noyes, substitute. Mary E. Mann.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Ervinia Thompson.

Ordered, That Ervinia Thompson, third assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Alice E. Farrington.

Ordered, That Alice E. Farrington, second assistant in the George Putnam District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from April 9, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Election of principals of Evening Elementary Schools; amendment of rules.

Ordered, That Section 103 of the Rules be amended by substituting the word "second" for the word "first," in the first line, and the word "June" for the word "September," in the second line; and by inserting after the word "ballot" the words "at the second regular meeting of the Board in June."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Convention to fill vacancy in School Committee proposed.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that a vacancy exists in the Board of School Committee, caused by the death of Gerald Griffin, and proposing a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at 7.30 o'clock, P.M., on Tuesday, the 23d day of April, 1889, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, with the unanimous con-

sent of the Board, the vote whereby the first order, appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries, was declared passed (see p. 83) was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, so much of the order as relates to the salaries of principals of Evening Elementary Schools was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

Salaries of instructors. [See page 83.]

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the order as amended passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Establishment of a Kindergarten in Quincy-street School-house.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Quincy-street School-house, Lewis District.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Feb. 26, 1889 — an order that this committee be requested to furnish each Grammar and Primary School-building in the city with a clock-dial, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that clock-dials should be furnished for the use of the Primary classes, which has been done.

Report of Committee on Supplies; clock-dials for school-houses. [See page 58.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the order appended to the report of the Committee on Supplies, in relation to employment of a stenographer to report proceedings of the School Board, was taken from the table.

Employment of a stenographer to report the proceedings of the School Board. [See pp. 7, 40, 95.]

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Walsh, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Ordered, That the President be directed to petition the Legislature for such legislation as will make it possible to procure from the Civil-Service Commissioners a form of examination for engineers and others who may hereafter apply for positions having charge of steam-boilers, furnaces, etc., in all school-buildings.

Petition to Legislature; examination of applicants for positions to take charge of steam-boilers, furnaces, etc., in all school-buildings.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of James A. Beatley.

Ordered, That James A. Beatley, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the eleventh year of service in his grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of the Committee on High Schools; petition of High-School teachers; plan of coöperation between Public Library and High Schools.

Mr. Green, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 26 — a petition from a committee of the High-School teachers of Boston praying that the Board consider and assent to a plan of coöperation between the Public Library and the High Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the plan for the coöperation between the Public Library and the High Schools, presented by High-School teachers, March 26 (see p. 77), be approved; and that the teachers of the High Schools be authorized to carry out said plan.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Holidays.

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on April 22 and 30, 1889.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair appointed the following committee to make arrangements for, and to take charge of, the Annual School Festival: —

Messrs. Capen, Chapin, Swasey, McDonald, and Allen.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 23, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the president in the chair.

Present, all the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Grainger, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the printed records of the last meeting were amended by inserting after the words "to have the work done," page 100, the following: —

Minutes amended.

The following order was read a second time, —

Holiday June 17; amendment of Regulations. [See pp. 45, 85.]

Ordered, That Section 239 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Decoration day" the words "the seventeenth of June," and by striking out the abbreviation "etc."

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them, as amended, in print.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Board of Aldermen; convention to fill vacancy in School Board. [See page 104.]

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 15, 1889.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of School Committee informing them that this Board non-concurs in their proposition for a convention to be held on Tuesday, the 23d inst., for the election of a member of their body in the place of Gerald Griffin, deceased, and proposing that a convention be held on Tuesday, May 14, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., at their rooms, for said purpose, public notice of the same to be given as required by law.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest: EDWIN U. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen that this Board concurs in their proposition to hold a convention on Tuesday, May 14, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., in the School Committee Chamber, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the School Committee caused by the death of Gerald Griffin; and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Allston District. — Annie E. Bancroft, third assistant, April 15, 1889; Alice A. Swett, third assistant, May 1, 1889.

Andrew District. — Frederic H. Ripley, sub-master, April 10, 1889.

Lawrence District. — Lizzie J. Thing, fourth assistant, April 9, 1889.

Lincoln District. — Katharine G. Sullivan, third assistant, April 16, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Dillaway District. — Bertha M. Smith, from April 11, 1889.

Stoughton District. — Edith M. Martine, from April 17, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dudley District. — Edith Hovey, fourth assistant, from March 4, 1889.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Isabella L. Bissett, fourth assistant, from April 22, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Allston District. — Alice A. Swett, first assistant, from May 1, 1889; Annie E. Bancroft, second assistant, from April 15, 1889. Election of teachers on probation.

Andrew District. — Bessie H. Chapin, third assistant, from Feb. 25, 1889.

Gaston District. — Carrie M. Kingman, second assistant, from March 1, 1889.

Lincoln District. — S. Josephine Lavery, third assistant, from April 16, 1889.

Sherwin District. — E. Emmons Grover, submaster, from May 1, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dor.-Everett District. — M. Rosalie Merrill, second assistant, Primary School. Confirmation of teachers.

Dudley District. — Margaret T. Dooley, third assistant.

George Putnam District. — Alice E. Farrington, second assistant.

Lowell District. — Anna L. Hudson, first assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Lowell District. — Anna G. Wells, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from May 1, 1889. Transfer of a teacher.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following-named special assistants, Primary Schools, for reëlection for the school-year 1889–90. Reëlection special assistants, Primary Schools.

Allston District. — Mabel A. English, Agnes A.

Aubin; *Charles Sumner District.* — Ingemisca G. Weysse; *Comins District.* — Mary F. Riley, Velma E. Cobb; *Dillaway District.* — Sarah A. Driscoll; *Franklin District.* — Eva M. Cotton; *Gibson District.* — Bessie C. Jones; *Hancock District.* — Sadie G. Christie; *Lincoln District.* — Lura M. Power; *Martin District.* — Kate L. Pierce; *Mt. Vernon District.* — Anna R. French; *Phillips District.* — Matilda F. Bibbey, Annie P. Elwell; *Pierce District.* — Louise L. Carr; *Stoughton District.* — Anna S. Coffey; *Wells District.* — Anna M. Keough.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Sarah L. Dyer.

East Boston High School. — Sarah L. Dyer, assistant, until July 1, 1889.

Emma W. Kaan.

Girls' High School. — Emma W. Kaan, assistant, until July 1, 1889; Ida Collins, substitute.

Edith K. Hodsdon, substitute.

Brimmer District. — Edith K. Hodsdon, substitute for Sarah E. Adams, third assistant, granted leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1889.

Mary J. Pope.

Minot District. — Mary J. Pope, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1889; Mary E. Mullen, substitute.

Bridget A. Foley.

Quincy District. — Bridget A. Foley, third assistant, until June 1, 1889.

The Chair read the following: —

Petition of Alden Photo. Co. to take photographs of pupils in the public schools.

63 Court Street, Boston, April 18, 1889.

To School Board, City of Boston: —

The Alden Photo. Co. of this city herein ask permission to make photographs of scholars in the public schools of Boston this spring. We have before petitioned for this object, and received encouragement from some members of the committee, while others did not favor it. Mr. Dacey considered it a grand project, and thought it a

very pleasant reminder to teachers and pupils of school-days. I learn that an outside party is now taking pictures of the schools in some parts of the city. It seems to me that a tax-payer in the city should be considered at least equally with an outsider. We have been engaged in business in the city for past twelve years, and have several times been before the committee to try and obtain official permission. We now once more respectfully submit our petition to you to allow us to photograph the pupils, occupying from five to eight minutes to each room, this being the only way to successfully conduct the work.

Respectfully,

A. E. ALDEN, for A. P. Co.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following: —

Petition of citizens of Brighton for a hearing on subject of granting diploma to a pupil in the Brighton High School.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

The undersigned, citizens of Brighton, anxious for the good name and prosperity of the Brighton High School, feeling deeply aggrieved at your decision regarding a diploma granted George H. Lee, a pupil of said school, and believing that said diploma was granted upon a standard far below that upon which diplomas are given, respectfully ask that a hearing be given relative to the subject matter, and in full justice to all parties concerned, and that the master of said school be not required to sign said diploma unless the facts substantially prove that said pupil was properly entitled to the same on the basis on which other diplomas are granted.

REV. J. E. FULLERTON,
and eighty-two others.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Salary of Anna Spooner.

Ordered, That Anna Spooner, principal of the North Margin-street Kindergarten, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Boundary lines of the Bowdoin and Phillips Districts. [See page 92.]

Ordered, That the district lines of the Bowdoin and Phillips Districts be changed to conform to the changes recently made in the district lines of the Prince District.

Mr. Swasey moved that the vote whereby the order was declared lost be reconsidered.

Lost.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, offered the following: —

Salary of truant-officers.

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of $1,800 per annum; and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum; to date from April 1, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of truant officers.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 23 — an order concerning the salaries of truant-officers, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of $1,800 per annum; and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum; to date from April 1, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Visit of Superintendent to Philadelphia, etc.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be granted leave of absence for four weeks for the purpose of visiting the manual training schools of Philadelphia, St. Louis, Chicago, and other cities, and that the expense of such visits be paid by the city.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Dorchester-ave. School-house; fence for and

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to remove the old fence around the

Dorchester-avenue School-house in the Harris District, and put the yard in order.

improvements in yard.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide an additional class-room, and a retiring-room for the teachers, in the Harris School-house, if practicable.

Additional class-room in Harris School-house; retiring-room for teachers.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Ordered, That in preparing the list of teachers to be balloted for, under the Permanent Tenure Act, at the annual or any special election, no teacher shall be considered as eligible, by either the Division or Nominating Committee of the Board, unless they shall have received the recommendation of the Superintendent and Supervisors; but the Committee on Nominations or Division Committee may refuse to recommend any one so recommended if they shall deem it for the best interest of the public schools to do so.

Election of teachers for permanent tenure of office.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — April 9 — the communication from the City Council enclosing the petition of Denis Naughton to be allowed to purchase a strip of land from the Smith-street School-house lot, reported that the land cannot be spared at present. The committee think the whole lot may be surrendered to the City Council in September next.

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; petition of Denis Naughton to be allowed to purchase a strip of land from the lot of Smith-street School-house. [See page 99.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Green, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Regiment take place on Friday, May 17, and that the

Annual parade of School Regiment; prize drills.

annual prize drills be held on the afternoons of May 24, 27, 28, 29.

Mr. Green, for the same committee, offered the following: —

English High School-house; additional accommodations for class in Physics; apparatus cases.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up two rooms in the English High School-house to provide needed additional accommodations for the advance class in Physics; and also to furnish new apparatus cases where such are needed.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Green, for the same committee, offered the following: —

West Roxbury High School-house; increased accommodations for drawing-classes; sanitary improvements in building.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make needed alterations in the West Roxbury High School-house to secure increased room for the drawing-classes and needed sanitary improvements.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Superintendent of Schools and chief truant-officer; prosecution under Chap. 47, Sect. 1, of Public Statutes; non-attendance of children at school.

ALLSTON, April 13, 1889.

MR. GEORGE MURPHY, *Chief Truant-Officer*: —

DEAR SIR, — James Searson, who lives on Western avenue, Brighton, has a son named Robert, aged 13, who has been to school only about one month this year. He cannot now go the required twenty weeks.

Cornelius Cotter, who lives in Duck lane, Brighton, has a daughter, aged 11, who has been to school but eleven days this year. Her name is Kate. I think I ought to complain of said Searson and Cotter for violating the *twenty-week law*, so called. Will you please obtain the necessary order from the School Committee?

Very respectfully,

H. F. RIPLEY,
Truant-Officer.

TRUANT OFFICE, 12 BEACON STREET,
April 18, 1889.

It is my opinion that Mr. Ripley should be directed by the School Board to proceed against the aforesaid parents for not complying with the Public Statutes, Chap. 47, Section 1.

GEORGE MURPHY,
Chief of the Truant-Officers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
April 23, 1889.

It is my opinion that the authority asked for in the foregoing communication should be granted, if at all, by special vote of the School Committee.

Respectfully,

EDWIN P. SEAVER.

Referred to the Committee on Truant-Officers.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 14, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Fifield and Messrs. Elliott and O'Grady.

On motion of Miss Pingree, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as printed.

Convention to fill vacancy in School Committee.

The Chair announced the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen in the proposition to hold a convention with this Board, on this day, and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this Board caused by the death of Gerald Griffin, and the two Boards assembled accordingly.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, Mr. Homer Rogers, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, was chosen President of the convention.

The roll was called, whereby it appeared that thirty members of the convention were present. Subsequently Alderman Smith appeared, and the Chair announced that thirty-one members of the convention were present.

Report of Committee on Elections; candidates for vacancy in School Board.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, submitted the following nominations of candidates to fill the vacancy in the School Board caused by the death of Gerald Griffin: —

Benjamin B. Whittemore, Henry Canning.

Accepted.

The convention proceeded to ballot for a member of the School Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Gerald Griffin.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Ballots for Cassius C. Powers.

Ordered, That all ballots bearing the name of Cassius M. Powers be counted for Cassius C. Powers.

Ballots.

The following shows the results of the several ballots: —

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.
Whole number of votes .	31	31	31	31
Necessary for a choice .	18	18	18	18
Benjamin B. Whittemore,	15	16	17	18
Henry Canning . .	12	13	12	12
Isabel C. Barrows . .	2		1	
Cassius C. Powers . .	2	2	1	1

Benjamin B. Whittemore elected member of School Committee.

On the fourth ballot Benjamin B. Whittemore, having received the necessary number of votes, was declared elected a member of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the convention adjourned.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The President in the chair.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special Assistants, Primary Schools.

Hancock District. — Florence I. Morse, from May 6, 1889.

Harris District. — Mary F. McDonald, from May 6, 1889.

Lowell District. — Mary P. Crosby, from May 1, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dwight District. — Sara Mock, fourth assistant, from April 29, 1889.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, third assistant, from May 7, 1889.

Mather District. — Fanny L. Rogers, first assistant, from May 2, 1889.

Pierce District. — Belle M. Harrington, third assistant, from May 21, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary Butler, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1889.

Cottage-place Kindergarten. — Annie S. Burpee, assistant, from April 11, 1889.

North Margin-street Kindergarten. — Marian T. Morse, assistant, from April 8, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Annie N. Crosby, assistant.

Mt. Vernon District. — Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Blossom-street Kindergarten. — Harriet H. Gordon, assistant on probation, to the same position in the Francis-street Kindergarten; the transfer to date from April 11, 1889.

Cottage-place Kindergarten. — C. Mabel Rust, assistant on probation, to the same position in the Union-street Kindergarten; the transfer to date from April 11, 1889.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers: substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, until July 1, 1889, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Annie M. Hotchkiss.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Hotchkiss, third assistant; Fannie Potter, substitute.

Lydia G. Wentworth. Mary S. Sprague.

Dillaway District. — Lydia G. Wentworth, third assistant; Amy Cheever, substitute. Mary S. Sprague, third assistant; Alice E. Robinson, substitute.

Harriet E. Frye.

Frothingham District. — Harriet E. Frye, first assistant; John D. Philbrick, substitute.

Almy C. Plummer.

Harris District. — Almy C. Plummer, third assistant; Maria A. Tyler, substitute.

Mary A. Lovering. Julia E. Harrington.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Lovering, first assistant; James W. Webster, substitute. Julia E. Harrington, second assistant; Samuel W. Clarke, substitute.

Lana J. Wood.

Lana J. Wood, fourth assistant; Elizabeth T. Desmond, substitute.

Edward Southworth. Charlotte L. Voigt.

Mather District. — Edward Southworth, master. Charlotte L. Voigt, third assistant.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises West Roxbury High School dispensed with.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the West Roxbury High School be dispensed with this year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Use of Wait School-house and yard for vacation school and play-ground.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Mrs. J. W. Andrews, in behalf of the South-End Vacation School Committee, to use the Wait School-house and yard for a vacation school and play-ground during the months of July and August; the same to be without expense to the city.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regula-

tions, to whom was referred — April 9 — an order proposing certain amendments to the Rules concerning the election of principals of Evening Elementary Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; election of principals of Evening Elementary Schools. [See page 104.]

Ordered, That Section 103 of the Rules be amended by substituting the word "second" for the word "first," in the first line, and by substituting the word "June" for the word "September," in the second line; and by inserting after the word "ballot" the words "at the second regular meeting of the Board in June."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 23 — the petition of the Alden Photograph Co. for permission to make photographs of scholars in the public schools of this city, reported that, in the opinion of this committee, it would be unwise to give any general permission as requested. The matter should be left to the discretion of committees in charge, who, upon application, if they see fit, may grant their permission, with such conditions and restrictions as seem to them advisable.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; petition of Alden Photo. Co. to take photographs of pupils in the public schools. [See pp. 110–111.]

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 9 — an order concerning the plan of coöperation between the Public Library and the High Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; coöperation between Public Library and High Schools. [See pp. 77, 106.]

Ordered, That the plan for the coöperation between the Public Library and the High Schools, presented by the High-School teachers March 26 (see page 77), be approved; and that the teachers of the High Schools be authorized to carry out such plan.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, to

Report of the Committee on Examinations; petition of citizens of Brighton; granting a diploma to a pupil in Brighton High School. [See page 111.]

whom was referred — April 23 — a petition of citizens of Brighton, asking for a hearing on the matter of a diploma awarded to George H. Lee, a pupil in the Brighton High School, by the Committee on Examinations of the year 1888; and that Benjamin Wormelle, master of said school, be not required to sign said diploma, etc., reported that the matter referred to them was determined by the Committee on Examinations of last year, and they therefore deem any action on the matter on the part of this committee unnecessary.

Minority report.

Mr. Winship submitted a minority report, as follows: —

I regret that I am obliged to submit a minority report. I do it from a strong sense of duty, and I pray you to bear with me if I, in order to have the members understand my position, utter expressions that may seem irrelevant.

We, as a Board, have thus far been harmonious in our greetings and meetings. The death of Gerald Griffin seemed to bind us more closely together, and I hope that nothing may lessen the fraternal spirit that now exists.

I will now give briefly my knowledge of the present question which has been my only unpleasant experience as a member of this Board.

Soon after I was installed a member Mr. Wormelle called upon me, and said that the committee expected him to sign young Lee's diploma..

"Why do you refuse?" I asked.

"Because he has not passed the required percentage."

I then said, "Do not raise an issue now; let us have peace. Your signature is simply clerical."

"But," he added, "the diploma states that he *has honorably completed the regular course of instruction.* Young Lee has not done this; in fact, he is far below a scholar who, the preceding year, was not granted a diploma."

I replied, "If what you say is strictly true, I must say to you, as a friend and neighbor, that were I in your place I would *never* sign the diploma."

The only *advice* I have given Mr. Wormelle was relative to his appearing before the Committee on High Schools about another son

of Mr. Lee, when I urged him to simply state the facts, and leave the question to the committee. He, however, showed himself too forcibly in earnest in sustaining his idea of right. Mr. Wormelle is an honorable man, and his excessive enthusiasm was excited in defence of his honor. I have known him for many years. He is a very good teacher. The deportment of his school has always been good, and he is possessed with all the knowledge necessary for his position.

The petition asking for a hearing I had nothing to do with, and do not fully approve, nor did I see it until it was completed and presented to me. It is signed by the leading citizens of Ward 25, and is entitled to grave consideration.

The question has arisen as to there being political feeling back of this affair. Of this I know nothing. I avoid, if possible, all religious and political questions in educational matters.

Now the Committee on Examinations has reported adversely to my views.

I contend that the whole question is centred in the diploma. I do not care to question the action of the committee in granting the diploma, but I cannot agree with my associates that Mr. Wormelle does not stultify himself by signing under the words "*has* honorably completed the regular course of instruction." It is a fact, verified by the principal and his two assistants, that young Lee has not honorably completed the regular course of instruction. The scholars of the school and citizens know it, and now to accept the report of the majority of the committee without further action by the Board, thus requiring the signature of Mr. Wormelle to the diploma, is, in my estimation, an insult to the citizens, and, moreover, will have a demoralizing effect upon the scholars, and establish a precedent which will be a dishonor to the city. I even go farther than this, and add that it is a wrong done to young Lee, which should not be countenanced.

I am thus emphatic in my language because it was stated in my presence that thirteen members of the Board will accept the report of the committee, which is akin to a withdrawal of the petition. I expect a greater number will oppose me in this; still, even if I am alone in the field, I cannot hesitate to attempt, imperfectly as I do, to maintain and defend what seems to me to be the *right*.

I now contend that the committee, or this Board, should perform their full duty in the premises.

I do not wish to charge the old committee with wrong-doing, but they are considered in the wrong by many citizens, and we should do all in our power to properly defend the former; and if, after a full investigation, their action is shown to be defensible, then we shall have the proud satisfaction of sustaining the honor of the

Board; but if it be proved that their action is not defensible, we shall be in the condition to make all necessary reparation, and remove the blot which now seems to stain the honor of our Board.

I respect and still hold in high esteem those members whose highly trained minds have honestly (to my mind) tortured the phrase in question into meaning something entirely different from that which to my simple view it indicates; and their further consideration I cannot approve,—that this sentence has no connection with the signature required from Mr. Wormelle, which signature they say is simply clerical, and only needed to conform with the requirements of the rules and regulations.

I am fully aware of the autocratic power vested in this Board, and that citizens may suffer from some real or imaginary wrong without redress, except at the ballot-box; yet all this does not excuse members from fully examining and correcting wrongs.

Now, as the Committee on Examinations has decided that it is beyond their province to consider the action of the committee of last year, I move that a committee of five be appointed by the President to investigate and consider the whole matter in question, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

J. P. C. WINSHIP.

The motion to substitute the minority for the majority report was lost.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Report of Committee on Examinations; communication from Common Council; advanced grade of studies in public schools.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Jan. 24, 1888 — a communication from the Common Council requesting the School Committee "to consider and report on the expediency of establishing an advanced grade of studies in connection with Boston's system of public schools, said proposed advanced grade to embrace the curriculum of studies at present provided by the academic course at Harvard College," reported that the committee have carefully considered this matter, and, in their judgment, it would be inexpedient to attempt the establishment of such a grade of studies in our public schools.

Your committee are led to this conclusion by the following reasons: —

First, because notwithstanding the repeated requests and most unremitting efforts of this Board, we have been unable to obtain from the City Council the necessary means to give all our children even grammar and primary school education. In proof of this we beg leave to refer to the various orders and reports of the Committees of the Sixth and Seventh Divisions offered in this Board, and transmitted to the City Council, during the last four years.

Second, because according to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, dated March 26, 1889, and given to and at the request of the City Council, there is no authority of law for furnishing what is called a "university course" of instruction in our public schools.

Accepted.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Henry B. Hall.

Ordered, That Henry B. Hall, sub-master in the Lewis District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Repairs of Thornton-street School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make needed repairs in the Thornton-street School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises of Agassiz School be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Agassiz School be dispensed with this year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Emma L. McDonald.

Ordered, That Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from May 1, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Temporary primary-school accommodations in Charles Sumner District.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide temporary primary-school accommodations in the Charles Sumner District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Platform in hall of Bennett School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to enlarge the platform in the hall of the Bennett School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Graduating exercises of Gibson, Pierce, and Tileston Schools dispensed with.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of Gibson, Pierce, and Tileston Schools be dispensed with this year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, offered the following: —

250th anniversary of the establishment of first public school in America.

Ordered, That a committee, consisting of the President of the School Board and the Ninth Division Committee, be appointed, with full powers to make all arrangements necessary for the proper observance of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the first public school and foundation of the first School Committee in America, which occurs this year; and that a sum of money, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, be appropriated for the use of that committee.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to report in print, and that seven hundred copies of the report be printed. Committee on Supplies to report in print.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Doc. No. 7, 1889.) Annual report of Committee on Supplies.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following: —

26 Berwick Park, April 25, 1889. Communication from Amy M. Homans; Ling system of gymnastics.

To the Hon. C. T. Gallagher,

Chairman Boston School Committee: —

Dear Sir, — Mrs. Mary Hemenway desires me to say that, with the earnest coöperation of a number of public-school teachers, under the instruction of Nils Posse, M.G , she has, since October, 1888, been testing the Ling system of gymnastics, with a view to finding out if it be adaptable to the public schools. Feeling that wider opportunities should still be given to our educators for investigation of this system, Mrs. Hemenway asks that your Honorable Board will grant her the privilege for one year, beginning September, 1889, of having trained, free of expense to the city of Boston, one hundred public-school teachers, who may be permitted to use the system in their school work, thus enabling your Honorable Board, and educators in general, to decide upon its merits by actual results produced upon the school children within the environment of the school-room. If at the end of the year it should be the decision of your Honorable Board that the Ling system is not the best adapted to the public schools, Mrs. Hemenway will ever remain most grateful for being permitted to make the test.

I am, dear sir, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

AMY MORRIS HOMANS.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene.

The Chair read the following: —

9 Hull Street, Boston, April 25, 1889. Communication from Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips; use of yard of Snelling-

Mr. Gallagher: —

Dear Sir, — As President of the School Committee, I would respectfully ask your assistance in a small matter.

place School-house during summer.

In response to a unanimous petition from the residents of Snelling place, the school-yard therein located was, last year, exempted from use as a summer play-ground.

This school is situated in a private way, and was only granted a right of passage through there in school hours.

My house is so situated that it has to bear the brunt of whatever comes through this passage-way, and it is that I may not be confined to the care of it this summer, that I would respectfully ask that this school-yard be omitted from the general order.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. ELIZABETH PHILLIPS.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Park Commissioners; play-ground for children at Franklin park.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, CITY OF BOSTON,
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
85 MILK STREET, May 3, 1889.

CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, ESQ.,
President of the Boston School Committee: —

SIR, — The Park Commissioners having prepared a space of about twenty-five acres of ground, with other accommodations suitable for the plays of children, on Franklin Park, are desirous that it may be opened for such use by a public ceremony, and that your Board shall unite with that of the Park Department for that purpose, and respectfully request a conference with a view to a discussion of arrangements therefor.

BENJ. DEAN,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was

Ordered, That the communication be referred to a special committee of five members, to confer with the Park Commissioners.

Special Committee appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Emery, Murphy, Humphreys, Grainger (vacancy), to serve on said committee.

Approved.

The Chair read the following: —

To the President of the School Board,

MR. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER: —

DEAR SIR, — I regret to say it will be impossible for me to serve on the Music Committee. I cannot give the necessary time to observation of the work in the schools, or to the consideration of methods of teaching.

Yours very truly,

LALIAH B. PINGREE.

52 HEREFORD STREET, March 28, 1889.

Resignation of Laliah B. Pingree as member of Committee on Music.

Accepted.

The Chair announced the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees: —

Appointments on committees.

Committee on Music. — Mr. Schindler, chairman; Mr. Chapin. *Committee on Accounts.* — Mr. Swasey, chairman.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 28, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Grainger, McDonald, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 16, 1889.

Communication from the City Council; surrender of Walpole-street School-house to the School Committee.

Ordered, That the Walpole-street School-house be surrendered by the City Council, and placed in custody of the School Committee.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, May 20, concurred.

Approved by the Mayor May 22, 1889.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading: —

Election of principals of Evening Schools; rules amended. [See pp. 104, 121.]

Ordered, That Section 103 of the Rules be amended by substituting the word "second" for the word "first," in the first line, and by substituting the word "June" for the word "September," in the second line; and by inserting after the word "ballot" the words "at the second regular meeting of the Board in June."

Passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Wells District. — Lucy L. C. Bigelow, fourth assistant, May 13, 1889.

Winthrop District. — Minnie L. Hobart, third assistant, April 30, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Emeline W. Ripley, third assistant, from May 8, 1889.

Andrew District. — Martha E. Pritchard, first assistant, from April 10, 1889.

Chapman District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, fourth assistant, from May 14 to 24, 1889, inclusive.

Comins District. — Margaret A. McGuire, third assistant, from May 20, 1889.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, from May 1, 1889.

Eliot District. — Sylvia A. Richards, fourth assistant, from April 8, 1889.

Lowell District. — Mary N. Sherburne, third assistant, from May 27, 1889; Rose A. Mohan, fourth assistant, from May 21, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary Butler, fourth assistant, from April 8 to 30, 1889.

Wells District. — Louise W. Betts, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1889.

Winthrop District. — Helen A. Woods, third assistant, from May 1, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Lowell District. — Bessie L. Barnes, third assistant. Accepted. Confirmation of a teacher.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers to July 1, 1889, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Charlestown High School. — Mary E. Upham, assistant; Emma W. Bragdon, substitute. Mary E. Upham.

Bowdoin District. — Clara J. Raynolds, fourth assistant. Clara J. Raynolds.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Tower, third assistant. Harriet E. Tower.

Comins District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, first assistant; James Burrier, substitute. Elizabeth G. Melcher.

Eliot District. — Kate L. Dodge, third assistant, Harriet E. Lampee, fourth assistant; Margaret D. Barr, substitute. Kate L. Dodge. Harriet E. Lampee.

Quincy District. — Hannah G. Gleason, second assistant, Primary School. Hannah G. Gleason.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Ordered, That the Annual School Festival be held on Saturday, June 29, 1889. Date of Annual School Festival.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Mt. Vernon School take place on Monday, June 24, 1889. Graduating exercises of the Mt. Vernon School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Packard, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That the remonstrance of the School Board be presented to the Board of Health against the occupa- Remonstrance against location of stable

adjoining the land of the Benj. Pope School-house.

tion by horses or other animals of any stable or other building adjoining the land of the Benjamin Pope School-house, on O street, South Boston.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Anna Spooner. [See p. 111.]

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 23 — an order concerning the salary of Anna Spooner, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Anna Spooner, principal of the North Margin street Kindergarten, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of James A. Beatley. [See p. 106.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 9 — an order that James A. Beatley, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the eleventh year of service in his grade, submitted the following report: —

Mr. Beatley entered the service of the city as usher in the Latin School, Oct. 22, 1877. This position he resigned in 1878, in order to spend a year abroad, in accordance with plans previously made.

Upon his return he served as substitute in the High Schools from January, 1880, until the close of the school year in June. In September, 1880, he was appointed fourth assistant in the Roxbury High School. In September, 1881, he was appointed junior-master in the Latin School, on the fourth year of his grade. At the close of that year he relinquished his position, as agreed, upon the return of Mr. Emery, who had been granted a year's leave of absence. Mr. Beatley was then reappointed as assistant in the Roxbury High School, where he served until his appointment in the English High School, in November, 1886, as junior-master, on the fourth year of his grade, he having previously served in that capacity and received that salary. The proposition presented to this committee in the order referred is to allow credit for five years' service in the Roxbury High School as assistant. It is claimed that the work performed while in the position of assistant in the Roxbury High School would have been the same if he had been a junior-master, but the numbers in the school did not allow at that time a junior-master. Your committee feel that this same argument could as readily be presented in many cases where teachers are performing the same duties in certain schools as teachers

of higher ranks are performing in other schools. The ranks of teachers are determined by the number of pupils in the schools, and as the number of pupils in different schools is greater or smaller a greater or less number of teachers of higher ranks is allowed.

In the difficult work of properly adjusting the salaries of so many teachers, of so many different grades, there must be some accepted bases for determining the claims of individual teachers for increase in salary.

The Rules provide that upon the appointment of a teacher, the Committee on Nominations, upon the recommendation of the committee in charge, are authorized, if they deem it proper, to recommend that the teacher be placed upon any salary of his grade except the maximum. Upon the appointment of Mr. Beatley, the committee in charge recommended that he be placed upon the fourth year of his grade; the Committee on Nominations approved the proposition, and the Board confirmed this action. Your committee are firm in the opinion that the time for determining the question of advanced salary of a teacher, on account of previous service, is that provided for in the Rules, when the appointment is made. In this case the committee in charge evidently considered the matter, and decided upon the fourth year, as reported.

It has been, we believe, the universal practice of the Board to place all teachers promoted to a higher rank upon the minimum salary of that rank. No credit has been allowed for previous service in lower ranks in this city. There seems to be an element of injustice in this course; but there is no doubt in the minds of the committee that the only proper time for determining the question of advanced salary, whether for previous service in or out of the city, is when the appointment is made.

This practice of placing the teachers when promoted in rank upon the minimum salary of the higher rank having been established, and so universally followed, the first exception to the general rule would undoubtedly be cited by many teachers who have been promoted, and claims made for similar consideration. Your committee, while impressed with the feeling that there is at least an apparent injustice in the arrangement of the schedule of salaries, and the methods adopted in carrying the same into effect, are as strongly convinced that no real and permanent removal of the cause, if any exists, for injustice can be effected by action in individual cases, and they recommend in regard to the order referred the following of the usual custom in such cases.

The committee are so strongly impressed with the importance of the subject that they intend to carefully consider the schedule of salaries,

and recommend such modifications and changes in the schedule as will remove all opportunities for injustice, if, after deliberation, they find any change is necessary or desirable.

The committee have presented this lengthy report for the purpose of explaining the case referred to them, and of emphasizing the difficulties they encounter in the performance of their duty. They trust that committees in charge will very carefully consider all propositions for the increase in salaries of individual teachers before any such proposition for advanced salary is presented to the Board.

For the reasons herein stated the committee recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Henry B. Hall. [See p. 125.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 14 — an order that Henry B. Hall, sub-master in the Lewis District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his grade, reported that Mr. Hall was appointed to his present position Sept. 7, 1887, and the question of placing him upon an advanced salary, on account of previous service should have been considered at that time. As the service rendered by Mr. Hall was in grades lower than the position he now occupies, and as the practice of the Board has been established in regard to such cases, the committee recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Credentials of Benjamin B. Whittemore.

The Chair presented the credentials of Benjamin B. Whittemore as a member of the Board.

Placed on file.

Mr. Whittemore appeared and took his seat.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation of Richard J. Walsh from Committee on Normal School.

BOSTON, May 23, 1889.

HON. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *President of the School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — I beg leave to tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Normal School.

Respectfully yours,

RICHARD J. WALSH.

Accepted.

The Chair announced the following appointments on committees to fill vacancies: — Appointments on committees.

Mr. Walsh, a member of the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Whittemore, a member of the Committees on Music, Salaries, Truant Officers, Normal School, Seventh and Eighth Divisions, and Special Committees on Paris Exhibition and Dedication of Play-ground at Franklin Park.

Approved.

Miss Pingree, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to make necessary improvements in the Freeman School-house, in the Eliot District. Improvements in Freeman School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Miss Pingree, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to cause the ventilation of the Snelling-place School-house to be improved, and to provide additional heating apparatus for the building. Improved ventilation for Snelling-place School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Miss Pingree, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to repair the floors in the rooms and corridors of the Eliot School-house. Repairs of Eliot School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Miss Pingree, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to provide new and improved urinals for the Chardon-court School-house. Urinals for Chardon-court School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Miss Pingree, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Partitions in Bowdoin School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to place necessary partitions in the Bowdoin School-house for the accommodation of the several classes.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Third Division; use of yard of Snelling-place School-house as a play-ground. [See pp. 127, 128.]

Miss Pingree, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 14 — a petition from Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips that the Snelling-place School-yard be not used as a play-ground this summer, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Snelling-place School-house be exempted from use as a play-ground this summer.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

King-street School-house; use of for vacation school.

Ordered, That the use of the King-street School-house be granted to William C. Williams for a vacation school during the months of July and August; the same to be without expense to the city.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Grading and paving yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Ordered, That the City Architect be instructed to use during vacation the appropriation already made for grading and paving the yard of the Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Additional heating apparatus for Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to provide additional heating apparatus for the Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to improve the sanitary condition of the Roxbury-street Primary School-house, and cause a thorough renovation of the desks to be made.

Sanitary condition of Roxbury-street School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause the ventilation of the Martin School-house to be improved.

Improved ventilation for Martin School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to paint the walls and whiten the ceilings of the Mt. Pleasant-avenue School-house.

Painting walls, Mt. Pleasant-avenue School-house.

Referred to Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to lay new floors in the Phillips-street School-house, in the Comins District.

Repairs Phillips-street School-house, Roxbury.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to cause the ventilation of the Quincy-street School-house, Roxbury, to be improved.

Improved ventilation for Quincy-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Sidewalk in front of Thornton-street School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to lay a sidewalk of brick or concrete in front of the Thornton-street School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Committee on Text-books to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be authorized to report in print.

Annual Report of the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Green, for the same committee, presented the annual report of the committee in print (Doc. 6, 1889).

Accepted, and the orders laid on the table, and specially assigned for consideration at 8 o'clock of the first meeting of the Board in June.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

Eastburn School-fund; amendment of Regulation 3.

Ordered, That Section 378 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the last word "destroyed," and substituting the following: "filed in the office of the Committee on Accounts, and opened only thereafter to the inspection of the Chairman of the Committee on the Normal School, and the Committee on Accounts."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Payment of salary due Barbara C. Farrington.

Ordered, That the salary due Barbara C. Farrington, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, be paid to her mother, Mrs. Agnes Farrington.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Committee on Accounts authorized to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to report in print, and that eight hundred copies of the report be printed.

Report Special Committee on Playground at

Mr. Emery, for the Special Committee, to whom was referred — May 14 — the communication from the Park

Commissioners, that this Board unite with them in the dedication to the children of Boston of a play-ground at Franklin park, reported that they have conferred with the Park Commissioners and others, and are of the opinion that it is desirable and feasible that pupils in the public schools participate in the ceremonies of the dedication of the play-ground.

Franklin Park. [See p. 128.]

Your committee desire, in the name of this Board, and of the public-school children, to express to the Park Commissioners their appreciation of the thoughtfulness which suggested the setting apart of a portion of this beautiful park, and dedicating it to the use of the children of our city.

It is proposed that the dedication exercises be held on Wednesday, June 12, at 3 o'clock P.M. Although the committee would have been pleased, if it were practicable, to provide for the presence of all the children in the public schools, they reluctantly resigned what appeared to them impossible with proper regard to the safety and welfare of the pupils.

The committee suggests that the public-school children be represented by the first classes of the Grammar Schools, and by the school regiment. Arrangements will be made for a parade of the school regiment and for singing by the pupils of the Grammar Schools.

Through the courtesy of the management of the West End Railroad, who have shown their public spirit and interest in this matter, and have generously tendered their assistance, the pupils will be transported, without expense to the children or city, to and from the Park.

The committee recommend the passage of the following orders to carry out their suggestions: —

Ordered, That there be no afternoon sessions of the public schools on Wednesday, June 12, 1889.

Ordered, That the principals of the Grammar Schools, with the pupils of their first classes, be invited to participate in the dedication of the play-ground at Franklin park, on Wednesday, June 12; and that the principals be authorized to exercise their discretion in dismissing the pupils of their first classes for the whole or any part of the forenoon of that day.

Ordered, That the Boston School Regiment be invited to participate in the dedication of the play-ground at Franklin park, and that the pupils of the Latin and High Schools be dismissed from study on Wednesday, June 12, for that purpose.

Report laid on table.

Orders appended to the report were taken from the table.

Order 1 passed under a suspension of the rules.

Orders 2 and 3 passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; school sites, etc.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, submitted the following report: —

It will be remembered that early in the year this committee submitted a carefully prepared report upon the subject of needed school accommodations. The members of the City Council have been very much interested and have been kind enough to give the subject considerable attention. The recommendations made in this report by your committee are, in a sense, their approval of the decisions of the committees of the City Council in regard to the sites and erection of buildings. Under the present law it now becomes the duty of the School Committee to assume the power of locating and purchasing sites and recommending the erection of school-houses thereon.

The committee have reviewed their former recommendations, and, with a proper appreciation of the duty of the City Council in appropriating the necessary sum for new sites and school-houses, submit the following recommendations: —

1. That the lot of land on Wyman and Bowe streets, Jamaica Plain, containing 31,577 feet, at present owned by Thomas Gaffield (being lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 on Plan 1 enclosed), be approved for a site for an eight-room Primary School-house in the Lowell District. The price for this lot is $10,000; the city to assume the taxes.

2. That the following lot be approved for a site for the new Grammar School-house for the Pierce District, — a lot of land on Walton and Washington streets and Welles avenue, Dorchester, containing 66,342 feet, and at present owned by Mark Googins (being lot shown on Plan 2 enclosed). The price for this lot is $13,268.40.

3. That the following lot be approved for a site for a four-room Primary School-house in the George Putnam District, — a lot of land on Harold and Homestead streets, Roxbury, containing 26,144 feet (being lots 2 and 3 on Plan 3 enclosed), at present the property of the estate of Edward E. Rice; the price for the lot to be $7,058.88.

4. That the following lot be approved for a site for a new Primary School-house in the Adams District, — a lot of land beginning at a point on Sumner street in that part of Boston called East Boston, three hundred and fifty feet easterly from Lamson street on the southerly side of said Sumner street, thence running north-westerly on said Sumner street two hundred and twenty-five feet to a lot now or formerly owned by Chamberlain, thence turning at right angles and running south-westerly one hundred feet, thence turning at right angles and running south-easterly two hundred and twenty-five feet, thence turning at right angles and running north-easterly one hundred feet to Sumner street, the point of beginning; said property being owned by James J. Donnelly, and contains 22,500 feet.

5. That the following lot be approved for a site for a school-house at Orient Heights: —

Beginning at the most easterly point of the lot of land owned by the City of Boston, on Leyden street, formerly Elm avenue, in that part of Boston called East Boston, and known as Orient Heights; thence running easterly on said Leyden street forty-three and three tenths [43.3] feet to a private street, thence turning at right angles and running southerly along said private way one hundred and eighteen and thirty-seven one hundredths [118.37] feet to land of D'Arcy, thence turning at right angles and running westerly by said D'Arcy's land forty-three and thirty-seven one hundredths [43.37] feet to land of the City of Boston, thence turning at right angles and running northerly by said City of Boston's land one hundred and nineteen and nine-tenths [119.9] feet to Leyden street, the point of beginning; said property being owned by the Boston Land Company, and contains 5,152 square feet.

[No special prices can be quoted for the last two lots, but it is estimated that $23,300 will be sufficient.]

6. That the following lot be approved for school purposes in the Dudley District, — a lot of land (and building thereon) on Auburn and Vernon streets, Roxbury, now owned by John H. Tyler; the price to be $10,000.

7. That the Florence-street School-house, in the Charles Sumner District, be enlarged, and made a six-room Primary School-house. Estimated expense, $15,000.

8. That the following appropriations be asked for: —

Furnishing Grammar School-house, H street, South Boston	$7,000 00
Raising Austin Primary School-house, East Boston, and providing new heating and ventilating apparatus for the same	$9,000 00
New boilers and ventilating apparatus for the Girls' High School-house	$6,000 00
Furniture and furnishing of the Horace Mann School-house	$8,000 00

9. That the yard of the Prince School-house be enlarged. Estimated expense, $1,000.

As it will be necessary that the City Council appropriate the necessary amount before the above lots can be purchased, the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to grant the following appropriations for school-houses and sites, —

Lot for new Primary School-house in Lowell District	$10,000 00
Lot for new Grammar School-house in Pierce District	13,268 40
Lot for new Primary School-house in the George Putnam District	7,058 88
Lots for new Primary School-houses in the Adams and Emerson Districts	23,300 00
Lot for Primary School-house in the Dudley District	10,000 00
Enlargement of Florence-street School-house	15,000 00
Furnishing Grammar School-house, H street, South Boston	7,000 00
Raising Austin Primary School-house, East Boston, and providing new heating and ventilating apparatus for the same	9,000 00
New boilers and ventilating apparatus for the Girls' High School-house	6,000 00
Furniture and furnishing Horace Mann School-house	8,000 00
Enlargement of yard of Prince School-house	1,000 00
Total	$109,627 28

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin moved that the vote whereby the order was declared lost be reconsidered, hoping that the motion would not prevail.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to put in proper condition the locks on the reporters' desks in the School Committee Chamber.

Locks for reporters' desks.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to advertise for parcels of land needed for school purposes, other than those mentioned in the report of that committee, May 28, 1889.

Advertisement for land for school purposes.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to make needed alterations in the West Roxbury High School-house, to secure increased dressing-room accommodations and needed sanitary improvements.

West Roxbury High School-houses; dressing-room accommodations and sanitary improvements. [See p. 114.]

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of such school-buildings as may be required for the children's entertainments on July 4, 1889.

Use of school-houses for children's entertainments, July 4.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to improve the ventilation of the Prince School-house.

Improved ventilation of Prince School-house.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings

Johnson heat-

regulating apparatus. [See p. 94.]

be instructed to introduce the Johnson Valve Service — a heat-regulating apparatus — into all school-houses now in process of erection.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Bonding of land for school purposes.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to bond such parcels of land described in their report to the School Board, May 28, 1889, concerning which no written agreement has been received.

Report of Committee on Accounts; 250th anniversary of the first public school in America. [See p. 126.]

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — May 14 — an order that a committee, consisting of the President of the School Board and the Committee on the Ninth Division, be appointed, with full power to make all arrangements for the proper observance of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the first public school, etc., and that a sum of money not exceeding $250 be appropriated for the use of that committee, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That a committee, consisting of the President of the School Board and the Ninth Division Committee, be appointed, with full powers to make all arrangements necessary for the proper observance of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the first public school, and foundation of the first School Committee in America, which occurs this year; and that a sum of money, not exceeding $200, be appropriated for the use of that committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Green, the order was amended by inserting the words "in Dorchester" after the words "first public school."

The order, as amended, passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the following order was taken from the table : —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be empowered to contract with the proprietors of the Boston "Evening Transcript" to make verbatim reports of the meetings of the School Board, and publish the same in all editions of the paper on the following day, at an expense not exceeding ten dollars per column; also to furnish four hundred copies of the same report to be reprinted, at an expense not exceeding five dollars for each meeting.

Mr. Emery moved that the order be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Emery's motion was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Messrs. Emery, Green, Mowry, Schindler, Swasey, and Walsh. — 7.

Nays: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Allen, Capen, Chapin, Humphreys, Murphy, and Winship. — 8.

Absent or not Voting: Miss Pingree, Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Grainger, McDonald, O'Grady, Packard, and Whittemore.

Mr. Swasey moved that the Board adjourn.

Lost.

Mr. Swasey moved that the subject be specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Lost, by a vote of 7 to 8.

Mr. Chapin moved that the order be amended by inserting the words "from Sept. 1, 1889, to Jan. 1, 1890," after the words "School Board."

Mr. Emery moved that further consideration of the amendment be specially assigned to the next meeting.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the previous question was ordered.

The amendment offered by Mr. Chapin passed.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order, as amended, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Allen, Capen, Chapin, Humphreys, Murphy, and Winship. — 8.

Nays: The President, Messrs. Emery, Green, Mowry, Schindler, Swasey, and Walsh. — 7.

Absent or not voting: Miss Pingree, Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Grainger, McDonald, O'Grady, Packard, and Whittemore.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 11, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Elliott and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the minutes of the last meeting were amended by substituting the word "passed" for the word "lost," in the second line on page 145. Minutes amended.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them in print, as amended.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Allston District. — Eva N. Cotton, from May 27, 1889. Special Assistants, Primary Schools.

Franklin District. — Mary A. Higgins, from May 27, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dearborn District. — Annie M. Wilson, third assistant, from June 5, 1889. Temporary teachers.

George Putnam District. — Josephine K. Slayton, fourth assistant, from April 15, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, from June 11, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Andrew District. — Edgar A. Raub, sub-master, from June 12, 1889.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel E. Adams, fourth assistant, second year, from May 21, 1889.

Wells District. — Mabel A. English, fourth assistant, from May 20, 1889.

Accepted.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises of the Dwight and Franklin Schools.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Dwight and Franklin Schools take place on Monday, June 24, 1889.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Courses of study, edition of.

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the courses of study for the Grammar and Primary Schools be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That 1,000 copies of the courses of study for the Normal, Latin, and High Schools be printed.

Report of Committee on Text-Books. [See page 140.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, and with the unanimous consent of the Board, the special assignment for eight o'clock, being the consideration of the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books, was taken up.

The orders were taken from the table: —

1. *Ordered*, That Tweed's Grammar for Common Schools be authorized for use as a text-book in the fifth and sixth classes of the Latin Schools.

Passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

2. *Ordered*, That the following changes be made in the present list of authorized text-books for the Latin and High Schools: —

French. — Super's French Reader substituted for

Keetel's Analytical French Reader. Daudet's Extraits added to the list.

German. — Collar's Eysenbach substituted for Otto's German Grammar. Im Zwielicht added to the list. Traümerein added to the list. Buchheim's German Poetry for Repetit on added to the list.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order was amended by striking out the words "substituted for Keetel's Analytical French Reader," and by inserting in place thereof the words "added to the list."

The order, as amended, passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Green, the vote whereby so much of the order as relates to the substitution of Collar's Eysenbach for Otto's German Grammar was declared passed, was reconsidered, and the recommendation recommitted to the Committee on Text-Books.

3. *Ordered*, That Beaumlein's edition of Homer's Iliad be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

4. *Ordered*, That Strang's English Lessons be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the Latin and High Schools; and that said book be added to the list of reference books for the Latin and High Schools for use on the teachers' desks.

Passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

5. *Ordered*, That Collar & Daniell's Beginners' Latin Book be authorized for use as a text-book in the Roxbury, West Roxbury, and Brighton High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Miss Pingree, Yeas and nays.

Messrs. Allen, Blake, Capen, Chapin, Emery, Fallon, Grainger, Humphreys, McDonald, Murphy, Packard, Schindler, Whittemore, and Winship. — 17.

Nays: Miss Hastings, Messrs. Mowry, Swasey, and Walsh. — 4.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Elliott, Green, and O'Grady.

6. *Ordered*, That Gage's Introduction to Physical Science be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Gage's Physics.

Passed, 20 members voting in the affirmative.

7. *Ordered*, That Meiklejohn's English Language be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Meiklejohn's Rhetoric.

Passed.

8. *Ordered*, That White's Outlines of Chemical Theory be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Passed, 20 members voting in the affirmative.

9. *Ordered*, That Williams's Chemistry and Williams's Laboratory Manual be authorized for use as text-books in the High Schools; and that no more copies of Eliot & Storer's Elementary Manual of Chemistry be purchased.

Lost, 13 members voting in the affirmative, the Chair ruling that it would require 16 votes to pass the order.

10. *Ordered*, That Guyot & Cameron's maps of the Roman Empire, Greece, and Italy be authorized for use in the High Schools.

Passed.

11. *Ordered*, That Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary be authorized for use as a text-book in the fourth class of the Grammar Schools, provided that satisfactory arrangements be made with the Committee on Supplies.

Passed.

12. *Ordered*, That the new Franklin Fifth Reader be authorized for use as a text-book in the second class of the Grammar School; and that the new Franklin Third Reader be authorized for use as a text-book in the first class of the Primary Schools; the new books to be furnished at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

The order was divided; that part relating to the new Franklin Fifth Reader passed.

That part relating to the new Franklin Third Reader passed, 21 members voting in the affirmative.

13. *Ordered*, That Jackson's Manual of Astronomical Geography be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools, — one set of sixty copies to be supplied to each Grammar School.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the order was amended by striking out the words "a text-book in," and inserting in place thereof the words "supplementary reading for"; and by adding the following words to the order: "and that an additional appropriation of $500 be made for supplementary reading for this purpose."

The order, as amended, passed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

14. *Ordered*, That in the third class of the Grammar Schools a portion of the time allotted to reading by the course of study may be spent upon supplementary reading authorized for that grade.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

15. *Ordered*, That Physiography, published by Longmans & Co., be added to the list of reference books for Grammar Schools, — copies of the book to be supplied for desks of teachers of the first and second classes.

Mr. Chapin moved that the order be amended by

striking out the words "and second classes," and inserting in place thereof the word "class."

Lost.

The order passed.

16. *Ordered*, That Observation Lessons in the Primary Schools, by Mrs. Hopkins, be added to the list of reference books for Primary and Normal Schools, — one book to be furnished for the desk of each teacher in the Primary Schools, and one set furnished for use in the Normal School.

Passed.

17. *Ordered*, That Simple Object Lessons (two series) by W. Hewitt Beck, and Natural History Object Lessons by G. Ricks, be added to the list of reference books for Primary Schools, — one set of books of each title to be furnished the desk of each teacher.

Passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

250th anniversary of first public school in Dorchester. [See pp. 126, 146.]

Ordered, That the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the first public school in Dorchester be held Saturday, June 22, 1889, at 2 o'clock P.M.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises of Grammar Schools of the Ninth Division.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Ninth Division be authorized to fix the dates of the graduating exercises of the Grammar Schools of that Division.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Superintendent of Public Buildings authorized to make repairs in school-houses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized and instructed to make such repairs in school-houses, during the summer vacation, as are most needed, as far as the appropriation will allow.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to make general repairs in the Hancock School-house, and that he be authorized to expend the $3,000 granted by the City Council for this purpose, and for an additional staircase.

Repairs of Hancock School-house.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to place a system of bells for communication with the different rooms in the Cushman School-house, and to provide for running water in the urinals of the same building.

System of bells in Cushman School house; running-water in urinals.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, submitted the following recommendations: —

Report of Committee on School-Houses; school-sites.

1. That a lot of land on the corner of Cumberland and St. Botolph streets, containing 16,000 feet (being lot on Plan 1 enclosed), be approved for a site for a Primary School-house in the Prince District. The price for this lot is $36,000.

2. That a lot of land on Glen Road, near Washington street, Jamaica Plain, containing 14,228 feet, with building thereon, be approved for school purposes. The price for land and building is $8,614.

The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to grant the following appropriations for school-house sites —

Lot for new Primary School-house in the Prince District	$36,000
Lot for school purposes (with building thereon), Glen Road, near Washington street, Jamaica Plain	8,614
	$44,614

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Repair of seats in Appleton-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to repair the seats in the Appleton-street Primary School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Sanitary improvements in Appleton-street School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to make the needed improvements in the water-closets and urinals of the Appleton-street School-house, to carry out the suggestions of the Instructor in Hygiene.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Attendance of pupils at Jamaica Plain Manual Training School.

Ordered, That pupils from the Lowell, George Putnam, Agassiz, Charles Sumner, Mt. Vernon, and West Roxbury High Schools be allowed to attend the Jamaica Plain Manual Training School.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises, Hugh O'Brien School.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Hugh O'Brien School be held on Monday, June 24, 1889.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Normal School, presented the following: —

JAMAICA PLAIN, MASS., June 9, 1889.

Communication from Mrs. Pauline A. Shaw; instruction in Kinder-

To the Chairman of the Committee on the Normal School: —

MR. MURPHY, DEAR SIR, — My interest is as great as ever in the progress of the Kindergartens, and now that they are in the charge of the public school authorities I find myself considering their future

welfare quite as much as when I had the care of them. As time goes on, I find my thoughts turning to two important considerations: — garten methods in Normal School.

First, That of incorporating in the Normal School work a course of instruction in the theoretical work of the Kindergarten.

Second, The establishing of a course for the special training of Kindergartners to supply the demand which is sure to make itself felt, if it does not already exist.

For the former course, which must necessarily be the first step, I propose to ask you to accept, for this coming year, the services of Miss Laura Fisher, now Kindergarten Trainer at the School, 6 Marlborough street. She will, I know, enjoy giving such a course, and I think the time and number of hours per week can be arranged for later.

I offer Miss Fisher to inaugurate this work, because she has proved herself a most able and inspiring teacher. I do not know her equal in her specialty. This will give the present Normal Class, as a whole, an insight into the principles and methods which underlie the Kindergarten work, which must necessarily be in the future the very foundation for all that is to follow in every succeeding grade.

Hoping that you will think favorably of this proposal,

I am yours, most truly,

PAULINE A. SHAW.

The committee recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the School Board accepts, with grateful appreciation, the generous offer of Mrs. Pauline A. Shaw to allow Miss Laura Fisher to give instruction in the Normal School in the theoretical work of the Kindergarten, without expense to the city.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to make necessary sanitary improvements in the Prince School-house. Sanitary improvements in Prince School-house.

Mr. Packard, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Compensation to Juliette R. Hayward.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Juliette R. Hayward, first assistant in the Gaston School, one hundred dollars in addition to her salary as first assistant, for services as acting principal of the Gaston School from March 11 to April 15, 1889, said school being without a principal during that time.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the vote whereby the following order was passed was reconsidered: —

Verbatim reports of proceedings of School Committee. [See pp. 7, 40, 94, 95, 105, 147.]

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be empowered to contract with the proprietors of the Boston "Evening Transcript" to make verbatim reports of the meetings of the School Board, and publish the same in all editions of the paper on the following day, at an expense not exceeding ten dollars per column; also to furnish four hundred copies of the same report to be reprinted, at an expense not exceeding five dollars for each meeting.

Mr. Capen in the chair.

After discussion, Mr. Chapin moved the previous question.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of this order.

The order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Miss Pingree, Messrs. Allen, Capen, Chapin, Humphreys, McDonald, Murphy, Packard, and Winship. — 11.

Nays: The President, Messrs. Emery, Fallon, Grainger, Green, Mowry, Schindler, Swasey, Walsh, and Whittemore. — 10.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Blake, Elliott, and O'Grady.

The President in the chair.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the annual report of that committee in print (School Doc. 8, 1889), which was accepted. Annual report of Committee on Accounts.

Upon the recommendation of the committee in charge, the following-named teacher was granted leave of absence to July 1, 1889, and the substitute named was approved by the Board. Leave of absence to a teacher; substitute approved.

Quincy District. — Bridget A. Foley, third assistant; Margaret E. Carey, substitute. Bridget A. Foley.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of the Blossom-street Primary school-house be granted to the West End Vacation School Committee during July and August of the current year; the same to be without expense to the city. Use of Blossom-street School-house for a vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 25, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Allen, O'Grady, Packard, and Schindler.

On motion of Mr. Whittemore, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Office of Supt. Public Buildings,
Boston, June 24, 1889.

Hon. Charles T. Gallagher, *President of School Board*: —

Communication from Supt. of Public Buildings; additional appropriation for repairs, etc., of school-houses.

Dear Sir, — I am in receipt of a large number of orders from your Honorable Board, in regard to repairs, alterations, and improvements in the several school buildings, all of which are proper and right, and should be done were the means at hand for the same. But as you are well aware the appropriation is not sufficient to undertake the work. The Commonwealth has also made a request, under the Act of 1888, Chap. 149, for a large amount for improved ventilation in several school buildings.

The Inspector of Buildings of the City of Boston has also made demands for better egress in case of panic. Recognizing the necessity of all these improvements, I asked for a sufficient appropriation to provide for the same; but it was not granted. Twenty thousand dollars was also deducted from the appropriation for the ordinary repairs, and all special appropriations were refused, which has so crippled the department that nothing but the most urgent needs can be met, unless the School Committee can induce the City Council to provide means for doing work that is absolutely necessary. I shall expend the means at hand, under your instruction, to the best advantage; but, with the strictest economy, the appropriation will be entirely inadequate.

As the matter is one of importance, I present it to your Board for consideration.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES C. TUCKER,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Additional appropriation for repairs, etc., of school-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to grant an additional appropriation for school-houses, as follows: —

School-houses, repairs, etc.	$20,000
New stairways in school buildings, and other protection against fire and panic,	50,000
Improvement in the ventilation of school buildings	100,000
Total	$170,000

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Dorchester High School. — Elbridge Smith, master, Sept. 1, 1889.

West Roxbury High School. — Clarabel Gilman, assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Agassiz District. — Mary A. Boland, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Bennett District. — Eliza M. Warren, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

George Putnam District. — Martha W. Hanley, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Director of Modern Languages. — Alphonse N. van Daell, Sept. 1, 1889.

Mr. Whittemore moved that the resignation of Mr. Smith be not accepted.

Lost, by a vote of 9 to 8.

The report of the committee was accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior master, from June 10, 1889.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from June 5, 1889.

Bowdoin District. — Julia G. L. Morse, fourth assistant, from June 3, 1889.

Dudley District. — Edith Hovey, fourth assistant, from June 4, 1889.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from June 5, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dudley District. — Alice L. Williams, second assistant, Primary School.

Sherwin District. — Rose E. Conaty, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of instructors.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending March 31, 1890, the subordinate teachers of the several Normal, High, Latin, Grammar, Primary, and Kindergarten Schools, and the special teachers of special schools and special subjects; the terms of service of such teachers to date from Sept. 1, 1889. (See School Doc. 9, 1889.)

Appended to the report was the following order: —

Ordered, That extra teachers be allowed in those districts where, from want of seating capacity, or to preserve the present classification, the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, have included them in this report.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the report was amended (page 41) under "Manual Training Schools," so that all instructors in the Manual Training Schools be recommended for election for term ending March 31, 1890.

Rules suspended.

The report, as amended, was accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The report was adopted as a whole, the nominations confirmed, and the teachers named in the report as amended (School Doc. 9, 1889) were declared reelected for the terms specified, to date from Sept. 1, 1889.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of principals of schools, Director of Drawing, and Instructor in Hygiene.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the report of that committee, containing the nominations for principals of schools, and for a Director of Drawing and an Instructor in Hygiene, submitted to them by the committees in charge, for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending March 31, 1890, as specified.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the report was amended so as to provide that the Instructor in Hygiene be elected for the term ending Dec. 1, 1889.

The report, as amended, was adopted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of schools, and for a Director of Drawing and an Instructor in Hygiene.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Fallon, and Whittemore a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

TO SERVE DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Normal School, Larkin Dunton, Head Master.....had 20 votes.
Rice Training School, Delwin A. Hamlin, Master..... " 20 "

Boys' Latin School,	Moses Merrill, Head Master	had 20	votes.
Girls' " "	John Tetlow, " "	" 19	"
Girls' High "			
English High "	Francis A. Waterhouse, Head Master	" 20	"
Roxbury " "	Charles M. Clay, " "	" 20	"
Charlestown High School,	John O. Norris, " "	" 20	"
W. Roxbury " "	George C. Mann, Master	" 20	"
East Boston " "	Charles J. Lincoln, Master	" 20	"

FIRST DIVISION.

Adams School,	Frank F. Preble, Master	had 20	votes.
Chapman "	George R. Marble, "	" 20	"
Emerson "	James F. Blackinton, Master	" 20	"

SECOND DIVISION.

Bunker Hill School,	Samuel J. Bullock, Master	had 20	votes.
Frothingham "	William B. Atwood, "	" 20	"
Harvard "	W. E. Eaton, Master	" 20	"
Prescott "	Edwin T. Horne, "	" 20	"
Warren "	E. Bradford Gay, "	" 20	"

THIRD DIVISION.

Bowdoin School,	Alonzo Meserve, Master	had 20	votes.
Eliot "	Samuel Harrington, Master	" 20	"
Hancock "	Lewis H. Dutton, "	" 20	"
Phillips "	Elias H. Marston, "	" 20	"
Wells "	Orlendo W. Dimick, "	" 20	"

FOURTH DIVISION.

Prince School,	E. Bentley Young, Master	had 20	votes.
Quincy "	Alfred Bunker, "	" 19	"
Winthrop "	Robert Swan, "	" 20	"

FIFTH DIVISION.

Dwight School,	James A. Page, Master	had 20	votes.
Everett "	Walter S. Parker, "	" 20	"
Franklin "	Granville B. Putnam, Master	" 20	"
Hyde "	Silas C. Stone, Master	" 20	"
Sherwin "	Frank A. Morse, "	" 20	"

SIXTH DIVISION.

Andrew School, Joshua M. Dill, Master.....had 20 votes.
Gaston " Thomas H. Barnes, " ..... " 20 "
Lawrence " Amos M. Leonard, " ..... " 20 "
Lincoln " Alonzo G. Ham, " ..... " 20 "
Norcross " Fred. O. Ellis, " ..... " 20 "
Shurtleff " Henry C. Hardon, " ..... " 20 "

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Comins School, Myron T. Pritchard, Master.....had 20 votes.
Dearborn " Charles F. King, " ..... " 20 "
Dillaway " Sarah J. Baker, " ..... " 20 "
Dudley " Leverett M. Chase, " ..... " 20 "
George Putnam School, Henry L. Clapp, Master..... " 20 "
Hugh O'Brien " Harlan P. Gage, " ..... " 20 "
Lewis School, William L. P. Boardman, " ..... " 20 "
Lowell " Daniel W. Jones, Master, ... " 20 "
Martin " Charles W. Hill, " .... " 20 "

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Agassiz School, John T. Gibson, Master .....had 20 votes.
Allston " G. W. M. Hall, " ..... " 20 "
Bennett " Henry L. Sawyer " ..... " 20 "
Charles Sumner School, Artemas Wiswall, Master . . " 20 "

NINTH DIVISION.

Dorchester-Everett School, Henry B. Miner, Master ..had 20 votes.
Gibson School, William E. Endicott, Master..... " 20 "
Harris " N. Hosea Whittemore, " ..... " 20 "
Mather " Edward Southworth, " ..... " 20 "
Minot " Joseph T. Ward, Jr., " ..... " 20 "
Pierce " Horace W. Warren, Sub-Master ..... " 20 "
Stoughton" Edward M. Lancaster, Master.... .... " 20 "
Tileston " Hiram M. George, Sub-Master ..... " 20 "

Horace Mann School, Sarah Fuller, Principal.....had 20 votes.

Director of Drawing, Henry Hitchings ... .had 20 votes.

FOR TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 1890.

Brighton High School, Benjamin Wormelle, Master...had 20 votes.

FIRST DIVISION.

Lyman School, Augustus H. Kelley, Master .....had 20 votes.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Brimmer School, Quincy E. Dickerman, Master.....had 20 votes.

SIXTH DIVISION.

Bigelow School, Frederic H. Ripley, Master.....had 20 votes.

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Mount Vernon School, John C. Ryder, Sub-Master....had 20 votes.

FOR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1889.

Instructor in Hygiene, John B. Moran ....had 17 votes.

The principals of schools, the Director in Drawing, and the Instructor in Hygiene, as reported by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes, under the rules, to elect, were declared reëlected for the terms specified, to date from Sept. 1, 1889.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, it was

Special committee on subject of instruction in hygiene.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed by the President to consider the question of instruction in hygiene, — whether it should be given by a separate instructor, by the supervisors, or whether it could be combined with instruction in physical training, and that said committee report on or before Dec. 1, 1889.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Mowry, Emery, Blake, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. McDonald to serve as such committee.

Reëlection of special instructors in military drill and calisthenics.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nominations of teachers for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee: —

Instructor in Military Drill. — Hobart Moore.

Armorer. — A. Dakin.

Instructors in Calisthenics. — *Girls' Latin School.* — Martha S. Hussey. *Girls' High School.* — Helen D. Baright.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously confirmed.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools; transfer of Charles J. Lincoln.

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools, reported the transfer of Charles J. Lincoln, principal of the East Boston High School, with the rank of master, to the same position in the Dorchester High School, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1889.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools; nomination of principal of East Boston High School.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the nomination of Ray Greene Huling as principal of the East Boston High School, with the rank of master, for a term of service beginning Sept. 4, 1889, and ending March 31, 1890.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the East Boston High School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Capen, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Charles J. Lincoln had 3 votes, and Ray Greene Huling had 16 votes, and was declared elected principal of the East Boston High School, with the rank of master, to serve for the term beginning Sept. 4, 1889, and ending March 31, 1890.

Ray Greene Huling elected.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nomination: —

ON PROBATION.

West Roxbury High School. — Emily L. Clark, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1889.

Election of a teacher on probation.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the evening schools for the term 1889–90; the term of service of principals herein nominated to date from Sept. 30, 1889.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of principals of evening schools.

Evening High School. — Isaac F. Paul, Head Master.

Bigelow School. — George Oak.

Comins School. — Augustine L. Rafter.

Dearborn School. — Henry B. Hall.

Eliot School. — Harvey L. Boutwell.

Franklin School. — William H. Martin.

Hancock School. — Julius A. Weigmann.

Lincoln School. — Alonzo G. Ham.

Lyman School. — Lewis H. Dutton.

Neponset School. — Charles C. Haines.

Phillips School. — John R. Morse.

Quincy School. — Seth P. Smith.

Sherwin School. — Moses Berger.

Warren School. — George G. Pratt.

Warrenton-street School. — Eben R. Butler.

Wells School. — Charles E. Hussey.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the nomination of a principal for the Lyman Evening School was laid on the table.

The report, as amended, was accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Walsh, and

McDonald a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

The several principals nominated by the committee, with the exception of the principal of the Lyman Evening School, had each 20 votes, and accordingly were declared elected principals of the designated evening schools.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Proceedings of 250th anniversary of first public school in Dorchester to be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the first public school in Dorchester be printed as a school document, and that one thousand copies of the same be printed; also that the same be printed in the annual school report of the present year.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Resolutions on resignation of Elbridge Smith, master of the Dorchester High School.

Resolved, That this Board, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Elbridge Smith, master of the Dorchester High School, desire to express their appreciation of the long and acceptable services of Mr. Smith, and to place upon their records some recognition of his faithful work.

Adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Hygiene, it was

Board of Supervisors to report in print on subject of physical training.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to report in print upon the subject of physical training in the schools.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Ordered, That graduates from Kindergarten Normal Schools be admitted to the Supervisors' examinations for special-grade certificates as kindergarten teachers, and if such persons receive certificates not having had a previous experience of a year, they shall be eligible as special assistants and substitutes until they shall have had a year's experience; after which they shall be eligible for permanent election.

Graduates of Kindergarten Normal Schools admitted to Supervisors' examinations.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — June 11 — an order concerning extra compensation to Juliette R. Hayward, first assistant in the Gaston School, for services as acting principal from the time of the death of the late master, Mr. Clark, to the appointment of his successor, have considered the matter, and reported that the committee are of the opinion that the amount asked for — one hundred dollars — is just, and should be allowed to Miss Hayward. The committee find a precedent in the action of the Board in 1882, when the first assistant of the Wells School had entire charge of the district for three months, as acting principal, and was allowed three hundred dollars in addition to her regular salary for that service. Miss Hayward served as acting principal for one month, during which time no salary was paid to a principal, and your committee believe that the one hundred dollars asked for is due Miss Hayward, and recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules: —

Report of Committee on Salaries; compensation to Juliette R. Hayward as acting principal of the Gaston School. [See page 158.]

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Juliette R. Hayward, first assistant in the Gaston School, one hundred dollars in addition to her salary as first assistant, for services as acting principal of the Gaston School from March 11 to April 15, 1889, said school being without a principal during that time.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Ervinia Thompson. [See page 104.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 9 — an order concerning the salary of Ervinia Thompson, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Ervinia Thompson, third assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Alice E. Farrington. [See page 104.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 9 — an order concerning the salary of Alice E. Farrington, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Alice E. Farrington, second assistant in the George Putnam District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from April 9, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of principals of evening elementary schools. [See page 105.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — April 9 — so much of their report (School Doc. 2) as relates to the salaries of the principals of the evening elementary schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the salary of principals of evening elementary schools whose average whole number exceeds one hundred pupils be fixed at the rate of five dollars per evening ; and that the salary of principals of evening elementary schools whose average whole number is one hundred pupils, or less, be fixed at the rate of four dollars per evening.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries;

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 14 — an order concerning the salary of

Emma L. McDonald, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Salary of Emma L. McDonald. [See page 126.]

Ordered, That Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from May 1, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Board of Supervisors to report on methods and scope of instruction in history.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report to this Board, at its first meeting in September, whether or not, in their judgment, any changes can be made to advantage in the present methods and scope of instruction in history in the High and Grammar Schools, and, if so, what changes they would recommend.

Leave of absence to a teacher; substitute approved.

On the recommendation of the committee in charge, leave of absence until July 1, 1889, was granted to the following-named teacher, and the substitute named was approved by the Board.

Mabel West.

Bowdoin District. — Mabel West, fourth assistant. E. Laura Tilden, substitute for Clara J. Raynolds, fourth assistant, granted leave of absence.

Report of Committee on Hygiene; communication from Amy M. Homans; Ling system of gymnastics. [See page 127.]

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, to whom was referred — May 14 — a communication from Miss Amy M. Homans, containing a proposition from Mrs. Mary Hemenway that the Board grant her the privilege for one year, beginning September, 1889, of having trained, free of expense to the City of Boston, one hundred public-school teachers, who may be permitted to use the Ling system of gymnastics in their school-work, reported that the proposition made by Mrs. Hemenway be accepted, and that the thanks of the Board be extended to Mrs. Hemenway for her generous and public-spirited offer.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Winship, it was

Selection of

Ordered, That the Committee on Hygiene be granted

teachers to be trained in Ling system of gymnastics.

full powers to make the selection of the one hundred teachers to be trained in accordance with the proposition made by Mrs. Hemenway.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Introduction of Johnson Valve Service into school-houses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to introduce the Johnson Valve Service — a heat-regulating apparatus — into such school-houses as may be requested by the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Tablet for Minot School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be desired to cause the name to be suitably inscribed on the new Minot School-house.

The Chair read the following : —

BOSTON, June 25, 1889.

Petition of John O'Driscoll.

To Hon. Charles T. Gallagher and the Honorable School Board : —

The appeal of John O'Driscoll, one of the teachers in the Quincy School, from the decision of the Division Committee, is respectfully submitted, as no reason has been shown why he is not continued a teacher after Sept. 1, 1889. I respectfully petition the Board to grant me a hearing.

Respectfully,
J. O'DRISCOLL.

Referred to the Committee on the Fourth Division, with instructions to give Mr. O'Driscoll a hearing, and report to the Board.

Subsequently the above vote was reconsidered, and the matter referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Report of Dr. Charles Harrington on sanitary condition of Prince School-house.

The Chair presented a report on the sanitary condition of the Prince School-house, by Charles Harrington, M.D., which was placed on file.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following : —

Ordered, That Katharine C. Sullivan be appointed special assistant in the Brimmer District from April 23, 1889, to May 21, 1889.

Appointment of Katharine C. Sullivan special assistant.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 16, 1889.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 4 o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Miss Pingree, Messrs. Elliott, Green, Mowry, Murphy, O'Grady, Schindler, Swasey, and Whittemore.

On motion of Mr. Packard the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the City Council; appropriations for School-houses.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 4, 1889.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer from the moneys received from the sale of the Beacon Hill Reservoir lot to a special appropriation: —

For Primary School-house, Lowell District	$10,000 00
" Grammar " Pierce "	13,268 40
" Primary " Geo. Putnam District	7,058 88
" " " Adams & Emerson Districts	23,300 00
" " " Dudley District	10,000 00
Florence-street School-house, enlargement of	15,000 00
Grammar School-house, South Boston, furnishing	7,000 00
Austin Primary School-house, East Boston, raising and repairing	9,000 00
Girls' High School-house, boilers and ventilating	6,000 00
Horace Mann School-house, furnishing	8,000 00
Prince School-house, enlargement of yard	1,000 00
Total	$109,627 28

Passed. Yeas, 8; Nays, 3. Sent down for concurrence.
June 27, came up concurred. Yeas, 49; Nays, 11.
Approved by the Mayor, July 6, 1889.
A true copy.

Attest:

EDWIN U. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the City Council; appropriation for repairing Walpole-street School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 20, 1889.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer from the receipts from the sale of land to the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, said sum to constitute a special appropriation for repairing the Walpole-street School-house.

Passed. Yeas, 9; Nays, 0. Sent down for concurrence.
June 27, came up concurred. Yeas, 30; Nays, 6.
Approved by the Mayor, July 6, 1889.
A true copy.
Attest:

EDWIN U. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the City Council; appropriation for improving Winship-place Primary School-house and yard.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 27, 1889.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer from the proceeds of the sale of land to the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers, the sum of eight thousand dollars, to constitute a special appropriation to be expended in improving the yard facilities, building improved water-closets, connecting with the sewer, and improving the present sanitary condition of the Winship Primary School building, situated on Winship place, Bennett School District, Ward 25.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. [Yeas, 50; Nays, 7.]
In Board of Aldermen, July 1. Concurred. Yeas, 12.
Approved by the Mayor, July 5, 1889.
A true copy.
Attest:

EDWIN U. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Ray Greene Huling, declining appointment to mastership of East Boston High School.

BOSTON, July 3, 1889.

MR. PHINEAS BATES, *Secretary Boston School Committee*: —

MY DEAR SIR, — Permit me, in further reply to your note of last week announcing my election as Principal of the East Boston High School, to say that after careful consideration of the whole matter, I

have concluded not to accept the position. I am, however, deeply grateful to the committee for their good opinion of me, as shown in the election, and by no means insensible to the honor their choice has conferred.

Respectfully yours,

RAY GREENE HULING.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of Grace H. Mather.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the nomination of the following-named instructor for reëlection, for the term ending March 31, 1890: —

Field's Corner Kindergarten. — Grace H. Mather, assistant.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed, and the instructor declared reëlected for the term named.

Election of principal of Lyman Evening School. [See page 169.]

On motion of Mr. Allen, that part of the report of the Committee on Nominations relating to the nomination of a principal of the Lyman Evening School was taken from the table and accepted.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Lyman Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Allen, Emery, and McDonald a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Lewis H. Dutton elected.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 14; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Lewis H. Dutton had 14 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Graduates of Cookery Training Schools admitted to supervisors' examinations.

Ordered, That graduates of Cookery Training Schools be admitted to the supervisors' examinations for special grade certificates as instructors in schools of cookery; and if such persons receive certificates, not having had a previous experience of a year, they shall be eligible as special assistants and substitutes until they shall have

had a year's experience; after which they shall be eligible for permanent election.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following: —

Purchase of land for School-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized and instructed, in the name of the School Committee, to purchase the following-described lots of land for school purposes; said lots having been approved by the School Committee, and the money for the purchase of said lots having been appropriated by the City Council: —

1. Lot of land on Wyman and Bowe streets, Jamaica Plain, containing 31,577 square feet, at present owned by Thomas Gaffield (being lots numbered 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 on Plan 1 presented to the Board May 28, 1889), for a site for an eight-room Primary School-house in the Lowell District. The price to be paid for said lot to be $10,000; the city to assume the taxes assessed May 1, 1889.

2. Lot of land on Walton and Washington streets and Welles avenue, Dorchester, containing 66,342 square feet, at present owned by Mark Googins (being lot shown on Plan 2 presented to the Board May 28, 1889), for a site for a new Grammar School-house in the Pierce District. The price to be paid for said lot to be $13,268.40. The Law Department is authorized to approve the deed of said estate, subject to the restrictions, stipulations, and agreements as set forth in deed from Welles to Bowker recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 1283, fol. 206, so far as the same are now in force and lawfully affect said land.

3. Lot of land on Harold and Homestead streets, Roxbury, containing 26,144 square feet, at present the property of the estate of Edward E. Rice (being lots numbered 2 and 3 on Plan 3 presented to the Board May 28, 1889), for a site for a four-room Primary School-house in the George Putnam District. The price to be paid for said lot to be $7,058.88.

4. Lot of land at Orient Heights for a site for a school-house: —

Beginning at the most easterly point of the lot of land owned by the City of Boston, on Leyden street, formerly Elm avenue, in that part of Boston called East Boston, and known as Orient Heights; thence running easterly on said Leyden street forty-three and three-

tenths [43.3] feet to a private street; thence turning at right angles and running southerly along said private way one hundred and eighteen and thirty-seven one hundredths [118.37] feet to land of D'Arcy; thence turning at right angles and running westerly by said D'Arcy's land forty-three and thirty-seven one hundredths [43.37] feet to land of the City of Boston; thence turning at right angles and running northerly by said City of Boston's land one hundred and nineteen and nine-tenths [119.9] feet to Leyden street, the point of beginning; said property being owned by the Boston Land Company, and contains 5,152 square feet. The price to be paid for said lot to be $772.80.

5. Lot of land (and building thereon) on Auburn and Vernon streets, Roxbury, containing 9,558 square feet, at present owned by John H. Tyler, for school purposes in the Dudley District. The price to be paid for said lot to be $10,000.

Passed.

The Secretary was instructed to certify the action of the Board on each lot separately.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Repairs and improvements in school-houses and lots.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized and instructed to enlarge the Florence-street School-house, in the Charles Sumner District, and make it a six-room Primary School-house, at an expense not exceeding $15,000; to furnish the Grammar School-house, H street, South Boston, at an expense not exceeding $7,000; to raise the Austin Primary School-house, East Boston, and provide new heating and ventilating apparatus for the building, at an expense not exceeding $9,000; to provide new boilers and ventilating apparatus for the Girls' High School-house, at an expense not exceeding $6,000; to provide furniture for and to furnish the Horace Mann School-house, at an expense not exceeding $8,000; to enlarge the yard of the Prince School-house by removing the earth embankments and by building retaining-walls, at an expense not exceeding $1,000.

Report of Committee on School Houses; lot for new Primary School-house in the Adams District.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, submitted the following report: —

As there has been so much misunderstanding about the school lot in the Adams District, East Boston, some explanation seems desirable. The necessity for a new Primary School building in this district has been recognized for a long time, and one of the first orders that passed this Board in January was a request to the City Council for such accommodations. The lot at the corner of Sumner street and Belmont square has been the one desired for years. On the 4th of February, the owner of this corner lot wrote "that the land is not for sale at present." A similar letter was written at about the same time to another party, intimating not only that the land was not for sale, but if certain changes were made in the location of the railroad tracks in that vicinity, the land would be worth at least $1.10, and might be worth $1.25, per foot. It is explained now that the owner probably meant that the land was not in the market at anything like its valuation; but the committee had no other information than what was written; viz., "that the land was not for sale." Inasmuch as the corner was not to be had, and the owner put such a high price upon it, the committee did the next best thing; namely, secured the adjoining lot. About three weeks *after* this lot was bonded, a letter was received from the owner of the corner lot, offering to sell his lot of 12,500 feet for $12,000, or 96 cents per foot. While the matter was pending before the City Council, he offered it to a member of the City Council at 90 cents per foot, or 6 cents less than he offered it to the School Board. He has since, under date of July 9, offered it to the School Board at 87 cents per foot. It has been very evident that some part of this Sumner-street land was the most eligible in this district for school purposes. The quotations that have been made for other lots at a less sum were for land utterly unsuitable for the purpose.

The committee recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That the vote of the School Committee, May 28, 1889, approving a lot of land for a Primary School-house in the Adams District, be and hereby is rescinded.

Ordered, That the following described lot of land be approved for the site of a Primary School-house in the Adams District, and that the Committee on School Houses be authorized and instructed in the name of the School Committee to purchase said lot, the necessary amount having been appropriated by the City Council: Beginning at the south-easterly corner of Belmont square and Sumner street,

East Boston; thence running south-easterly on Sumner street one hundred feet; thence running south-westerly one hundred and twenty-five feet; thence running north-westerly to Belmont square one hundred feet; thence running north-easterly on Belmont square one hundred and twenty-five feet, to the point of beginning; said lot containing 12,500 square feet, and at present owned by the heirs of C. C. Chamberlin. The price to be paid for said lot to be $10,875.

Accepted and the orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Approval and purchase of lot of land for school purposes in Bennett District.

Ordered, That the lot of land adjoining the Winship-place Primary School-house lot, and known as the Coggswell estate, be approved for school purposes, and that the Committee on School Houses be authorized and instructed to purchase the whole or part of said lot in the name of the School Committee, the necessary amount of money having been appropriated by the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Improvements in Winship-place School-house and yard.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to improve the yard facilities, build improved water-closets, connect the same with the sewer, and improve the present sanitary condition of the building situated on Winship place, Bennett District, Brighton, the expense not to exceed the appropriation granted by the City Council for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Repair of Walpole-street School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized and requested to repair the Walpole-street School-house and furnish it for occupancy by Kindergartens as soon as possible, the City Council having appropriated the sum of $2,500 for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for new Primary School-house in the Bunker Hill District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of $15,000 for the site of a Primary School-house in the Bunker Hill District, Charlestown.

On motion of Mr. Winship, it was

Request to lay out Winship place, Brighton, as a public way.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to lay out Winship place, leading to the Winship-place Primary School-house, Brighton, as a public way.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary due Richard H. Howard.

Ordered, That the salary due Richard H. Howard, deceased, late janitor of the Howard-avenue School-house, be paid to his brother, William J. Howard.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 10, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Grainger, O'Grady, and Schindler.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the Common Council; additional Primary-School accommodations in South Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 20, 1889.

Ordered, That the School Committee consider and report to this Council on the expediency of furnishing additional Primary-School accommodations for the Bigelow and Norcross Districts, South Boston.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 20, 1889.

Passed.

HORACE G. ALLEN,
President.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; advanced grade of studies in the public schools. [See pp. 124, 125.]

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Sept. 3, 1889.

Ordered, That the School Board consider and report upon the feasibility and cost of providing an advanced grade of education in connection with Boston's Public School System, such advanced grade

to embrace the curriculum of the academic studies taught at Harvard University; that the attention of the School Board is respectfully called to the recent opinion of the Corporation Counsel, in effect, that the power to establish such and all grades of public-school education is discretionary with the School Board; that in consideration of the proposed academic course the Board consider especially the cost of recitation accommodations and tutors, irrespective of the construction of any college or buildings in connection with the same.

Passed in Common Council, June 27.

Came up for concurrence.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 5, 1889.

A true copy.

Attest:

E. U. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen; use of school buildings for polling-places.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Sept. 9, 1889.

The Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board respectfully report that after diligent efforts to secure suitable rooms, or lots on which to place temporary buildings for polling-places, they are unable to secure proper accommodations for all the precincts, and while appreciating the inconvenience to the teachers and pupils in our public schools attendant upon the use of school rooms or buildings for such purposes, they feel obliged to recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

For the Committee,

HOMER ROGERS,
Chairman.

Accepted.

E. U. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

Ordered, That the School Committee be and hereby are requested to grant the use for polling-places of such rooms in the several school

buildings as the Board of Aldermen may find to be necessary for that purpose.

Passed.

E. U. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

Approved, Sept. 10, 1889.

THOMAS N. HART,
Mayor.

A true copy.
Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the various Division Committees.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Superintendent of Public Buildings; appropriation for repairs of school buildings.

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
September 10, 1889.

HON. C. T. GALLAGHER, *President School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I desire to inform your Honorable Board that the appropriations made for raising and repairs of the Austin School-house and repairing the Hancock School-house are insufficient; hence I am unable to proceed with the work. The appropriation for the raising and repairs of the Austin School-house was $9,000. The lowest bid received would simply cover the cost of raising the building and consume the entire amount, leaving no margin for the heating apparatus and furniture for the building. My estimate for these two items would be $3,000, in addition to the amount already authorized. In the case of the Hancock School-house, where an additional staircase was needed, I had supposed that an iron spiral flight of steps on the outside of the building would be sufficient, and the appropriation of $3,000 was made with that end in view. Upon consultation with the Inspector of Buildings that plan was abandoned, and one made with his approval, giving a staircase within the building, which involved an addition to the main structure and the requisite finish which such an addition would make. Bids have been received in accordance with this plan, and it is found that the sum of $6,500 will be required in excess of the amount authorized. I would, therefore, repeat, that if it is deemed desirable to proceed with the work on these two buildings, $3,000 will be required for the Austin School-

house, and $6,500 for the Hancock School-house, both amounts being in excess of the amount appropriated.

Yours respectfully,
JAS. C. TUCKER,
Supt. Public Buildings.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Agassiz District. — Sarah H. Drake, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Bennett District. — Myrtie B. Symonds, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Comins District. — Alice M. Johnson, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Annie L. Newcomb, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Dudley District. — Susie C. Lougee, first assistant, Sept. 9, 1889.

Lewis District. — Emily B. Eliot, second assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Lowell District. — Anna M. Edmands, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Winthrop District. — Eliza A. Baxter, sewing teacher, Sept. 1, 1889.

KINDERGARTENS.

Appleton street. — Lucile Campbell, assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Cushman School. — Mary Carter, assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Francis street. — Harriet H. Gordon, assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Emeline W. Ripley, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Dearborn District. — Annie M. Trundy and Helen Doherty, third assistants, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Roxbury High School. — Susie C. Lougee, assistant, eighth year, from Sept. 9, 1889.

Agassiz District. — Mary I. Adams, third assistant, fourth year, from Sept. 4, 1889; Carrie F. Parker, third assistant, third year, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Bennett District. — Helen L. Duncklee, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

KINDERGARTENS.

Sharp School. — Sarah E. Kilmer, assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Hudson street. — Mabel B. Sawin, assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Starr King School. — Adelaide B. Camp, assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Appleton street. — Ada C. Williamson, assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Rutland street. — Eleanor P. Gay, assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Neponset. — Mary B. Morse, assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Normal School. — V. Colonna Murray and Dora Williams, second assistants.

Dillaway District. — Abby M. Clark, second assistant.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Katharine J. Keefe, third assistant.

Hyde District. — Margaret A. Kelley, sewing teacher.

Lewis District. — Alice O'Neil, first assistant.

Lowell District. — Helen C. Laughlin, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS. — KINDERGARTENS.

Transfers of teachers.

Hudson street. — Emily B. Stoddard. assistant on probation, to same position in Quincy-street Kindergarten, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

North Bennet street. — E. Louise Richards, assistant, on probation, to the same position in the Cushman School Kindergarten, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Rutland street. — Isabel G. Dame, assistant on probation, to the same position in the North Bennet-street Kindergarten, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Starr King School. — Angie B. Towne, assistant on probation, to the same position in the Francis-street Kindergarten, to date from Sept. 14, 1889.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Mary J. Cavaguah.

Allston District. — Mary J. Cavagnah, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890.

Annie M. Hotchkiss.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Hotchkiss, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1889; Eliza F. Hammond, substitute.

Amelia B. Coe.

Bigelow District. — Amelia B. Coe, first assistant, until Oct. 1, 1889; Fannie M. Houghton, substitute,

Mary L. Bright, fourth assistant, until Nov. 1, 1889; Grace E. Holbrook, substitute. Mary L. Bright.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Tower, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890. Harriet E. Tower.

Dearborn District. — Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Alice W. Emerson, substitute. Elizabeth D. Mulrey, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Mary E. Connor, substitute. Philena W. Rounseville. Elizabeth D. Mulrey.

Dillaway District. — Eldora A. Pickering, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Lydia G. Wentworth, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Amy Cheever, substitute. Eldora A. Pickering. Lydia G. Wentworth.

Norcross District. — Susan H. Thaxter, first assistant, until Nov. 1, 1889. Susan H. Thaxter.

Rice Training School. — Mabel I. Emerson, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890. Mabel I. Emerson.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nomination, to date from Sept. 9, 1889: — Election of Director in Modern Languages.

Director of Modern Languages. — Charles H. Grandgent.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Walsh, and Allen a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. Ballot.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21. Necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Charles H. Grandgent had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Modern Languages for the term ending March 31, 1890. Charles H. Grandgent elected.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, to whom was referred — June 25 — the petition of John Report of Committee on Nominations; petition

of John O'Driscoll.
[See page 174.]

O'Driscoll, appealing from the decision of the Committee on the Fourth Division, by which he was discontinued as a teacher in the Quincy District, reported that they have heard the petitioner, and are of the opinion that no change should be made in the action taken by the Division Committee, and subsequently confirmed by the Board.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools; principal of East Boston High School.

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools, reported the following nominations of candidates for the position of principal of the East Boston High School, with the rank of master, for the term ending March 31, 1890, to date from Sept. 11, 1889. The order in which the names are presented is not intended to indicate the preference of the committee. John F. Eliot, James W. MacDonald.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Blake, and Packard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21. Necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Augustus D. Small had 1 vote, James W. MacDonald had 5 votes, and John F. Eliot had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the East Boston High School, with the rank of master.

John F. Eliot elected.

Committee on Text-Books to report in print on subject of supplementary reading.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be authorized to report in print on subject of supplementary reading.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to appoint a special teacher of physics in the Boys' Latin School, with the rank and pay of master.

Appointment of special teacher of physics in Boys' Latin School.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Charles P. Lebon, junior master in the English High School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Salary of Charles P. Lebon.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a fourth-year class be allowed in any suburban High School whenever the number of candidates for such class will warrant the employment of a teacher.

Fourth year class in suburban High Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported that, under the provisions of Section 265 of the Regulations, instruction in sewing may be extended into other classes than those named in the section, on the joint recommendation of the Division Committee of the school where such extension is proposed, and the Committee on Sewing.

Report of Committee on Sewing; instruction in sewing in upper classes of Chapman and Lyman Schools.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on the First Division, your committee report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the second and third grammar classes in the Chapman and Lyman Schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, reported the following changes in the work assigned to sewing teachers: —

Report of Committee on Sewing; assignment of sewing teachers.

Sewing classes in the Winthrop School, formerly

taught by Miss Baxter, assigned to Harriet E. Browne; sewing classes in the Minot School assigned to Catherine C. Nelson; sewing classes in the Gibson School assigned to Helen E. Burton; to date from Sept. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

Tablet for Lucretia Crocker School-house.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to place a tablet on the Lucretia Crocker School-house.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Normal and Training Schools; amendment of the Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

SECTION 94. Insert after the word "master," in the second line, the word "sub-master." Insert after the word "have," in the fourth line, the word "sub-master." Add the following to the section: "The instructors in the Training School shall be a master, two sub-masters, two first assistants, and as many second and third assistants as may be necessary, provided that the whole number of teachers, exclusive of the master, shall not exceed one for every forty-nine pupils. An additional instructor may be elected for an excess of twenty-five pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty-five. The committee in charge shall determine how many teachers below the rank of first assistant shall be second assistants.

SECT. 120. Insert after the word "of," in the first line, the words "sub-master and;" add the following words to the section: "The salaries of the instructors of the several ranks in the Training School shall be the same as those for the same ranks in the Grammar Schools."

SECT. 311. — Strike out the words to and including the word "and," in the second line.

Insert the following section: —

SECT. 312. — The instructors of the Normal School shall perform such service in the Training School as the head-master may direct.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Ordered, That the minutes of the Board be printed as heretofore, until otherwise ordered, in addition to the copies to be furnished under the contract wtih the proprietors of the "Boston Evening Transcript." Printing of minutes of School Board.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Annual School Festival be authorized to exceed the appropriation granted for that purpose. Excess of appropriation for Annual School Festival.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred — May 28 and June 11 — orders relating to (1) partitions in Bowdoin School-house; (2) additional heating-apparatus for Hugh O'Brien School-house; (3) improvements in ventilation of Martin School-house; (4) repairs of Mt. Pleasant-avenue School-house; (5) repairs of Phillips-street School-house; (6) improvement in ventilation of Quincy-street School-house; (7) sanitary improvements in Appleton-street School-house, — reported that the committee had forwarded the above orders, with their approval, to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and no further action is needed by this Board. Report of Committee on School Houses; repairs, etc. [See pp. 138, 139, 156.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations consider and report to this Board some plan by which the Etiquette in schools.

public schools can be brought to a much higher standard of etiquette than that existing at the present time.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Text-Books in German. [See page 151.]

Ordered, That Collar's "Eysenbach" be authorized for use in the Latin and High Schools, in place of Otto's German Grammar, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Green, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Text-Books in Chemistry. [See page 152.]

Ordered, That Williams's "Chemistry" and Williams's "Laboratory Manual" be authorized for use as text-books in the English High School in place of Eliot & Storer's "Manual," provided satisfactory arrangements can be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Laid over, under the rules.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Text-Books in Algebra.

Ordered, That Bradbury & Emery's Academic Algebra be authorized for use in the High Schools as a text-book, in place of Bradbury & Eaton's.

Laid over, under the rules.

Mr. Blake, at the request of a sister of Mr. O'Grady, stated that, owing to a serious illness, Mr. O'Grady will be unable to attend to any duties as a member of the Board during the remainder of the term.

Report of Special Committee on Play-ground at Franklin Park. [See pp. 128, 140, 141, 142.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the report of the Special Committee on Play-ground at Franklin Park was taken from the table and accepted.

Mr. Mowry offered the following: —

Committee on Text-Books to report on subject of text-books in general history.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be requested to report on the matter of text-books in general history at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Allen offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 4 of the Rules be amended by striking out after the word "school," in the fourth line, the words "and a Committee on High Schools, each committee," and by inserting after the word "members," in the sixth line, the words "and a Committee on High Schools, consisting of nine members, to be selected as far as practicable so that one member shall reside in each division of the city."

Committee on High Schools; amendment of rules.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair presented the report of the Board of Supervisors, in compliance with an order of the Board (June 25) in relation to the methods and scope of instruction in history in the High and Grammar Schools, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Report of Board of Supervisors on methods and scope of instruction in history in the High and Grammar Schools. [See page 173.]

On motion of Mr. Capen, the doors were closed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the following nomination of a principal of a Grammar School for reëlection, to date from Sept. 1, 1889.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of principal of Hillside School.

Hillside School. — Albert F. Ring, master.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Green, and Fallon a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20. Necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Albert F. Ring received 20 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 24, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. McDonald, O'Grady, and Whittemore.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the printed minutes of the last meeting (page 191) were amended by changing the date of beginning of service of Charles H. Grandgent, Director of Modern Languages, from Sept. 9, 1889, to Sept. 11, 1889.

Minutes amended. [See page 191.]

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them in print, as amended.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Communication from the Mayor; visit of General American Congress.

THE HON. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *President of the School Committee*: —

MY DEAR SIR, — The members of the General American Congress, the guests of our national government, in all some sixty or seventy gentlemen, will arrive in Boston on October 5, at nine in the morning. It is intended to take them from the station to the High School, Montgomery street, and by 11.30 A.M. to the Fitchburg station. This arrangement requires the consent and coöperation of the school authorities, and a special session of the High School on Saturday. Perhaps this school might be given a vacation on Friday, October 4, or Monday, Oct. 7. I am very anxious that the distinguished representatives of Spanish America should not see Boston without visiting our public schools, those cherished representatives of American institutions. Mr. T. Jefferson Coolidge, the New England member of this interesting congress, shares the view here expressed. Will you lay this matter before your committee, with

such recommendations as you may think proper, and will you express my particular desire that the guests of our country shall see the public schools of Boston, the schools of our people, in their every-day work.

With great respect, yours,

THOMAS N. HART,
Mayor.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

Disposition of Boston school exhibit at Paris Exposition.

The Chair stated that he had received a communication from C. William Parke, United States Superintendent of Education at Paris Exposition, concerning the disposition of the Boston school exhibit.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following; —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Adams District. — C. Howard Wilson, second assistant, Sept. 11, 1889; Clara Robbins, third assistant, Sept. 11, 1889; Grace M. Remick, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1889.

Emerson District. — Elizabeth R. Drowne, first assistant, Oct. 1, 1889; Bernice A. DeMerritt, second assistant, Oct. 1, 1889.

Harvard District. — Lucy M. Small, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Hillside District. — Mary Bradley, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1889.

Phillips District. — Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Pierce District. — Emma A. Cochran, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1889.

Rice District. — Anna B. Badlam, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Warrenton-street Evening School. — Eber R. Butler, principal, Sept. 30, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Brimmer District. — Mary E. Thompson, from May 31, 1889.

Gibson District. — Bessie C. Jones, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Stoughton District. — Edith M. Martine, from Sept. 9, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Florence Dix, assistant, from Sept. 12, 1889.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Stickney, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Emerson District. — Helen A. Melrose, third assistant, from Sept. 17, 1889.

Gibson District. — Kate L. Pierce, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Pierce District. — Sarah L. Park, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Quincy District. — Margaret E. Carey, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Winthrop District. — Helen A. Woods, third assistant, Sept. 4, 5, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Adams District. — Clara Robbins, second assistant, from Sept. 12, 1889.

Allston District. — Ida F. Taylor, third assistant, from Sept. 17, 1889.

Bunker Hill District. — Kate T. Brooks, fourth assistant, from Sept. 20, 1889.

Emerson District. — Bernice A. De Merritt, first assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Gibson District. — Jessie C. Fraser, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth G. Desmond, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Mather District. — Mary E. Nichols, third assistant, sixth year, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Stoughton District. — Annie S. Coffey, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' High School. — Isabel P. George, Zéphirine N. Brown, assistants.

Bigelow District. — Ida M. Condon, fourth assistant.

Eliot District. — Rosa M. E. Reggio, second assistant, Primary School.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Sullivan, third assistant.

Gaston District. — Florence K. Manson, fourth assistant.

Lyman District. — Nellie M. Porter, second assistant, Primary School; Lena E. Synette, fourth assistant.

Mather District. — Kate A. Howe, second assistant; Mary M. Clapp, fourth assistant.

Prince District. — Mary Wilson, first assistant; Clara E. Fairbanks, third assistant.

Winthrop District. — Mary A. Reardon, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Adams District. — Jennie A. Mayer, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Allston District. — Mary J. Cavanagh, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, from Oct. 1, 1889; Elizabeth C. Muldoon, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Bigelow District. — Bertha Peirce, third assistant, on probation, to the same position in the Lincoln District, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Bunker Hill District. — Kate C. Thompson, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Norcross District. — Jennie A. Mullaly and Martha G. Buckley, third assistants, to the positions of fourth assistants in the same district, from Oct. 1, 1889. Ellen T. Noonan and Julia S. Dolan, fourth assistants, to the positions of third assistants in the same district, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Allston District. — Eva M. Cotton, substitute for Mary J. Cavanagh, third assistant, granted leave of absence. [See page 190.]

Mary E. Pitcher.

Bowdoin District. — Mary E. Pitcher, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Martha T. O'Hea, substitute.

Elizabeth R. Preston.

Elizabeth R. Preston, second assistant, Primary School, until Dec. 1, 1889; Jennie M. Jamison, substitute.

Caroline A. Farrell.

Dwight District. — Caroline A. Farrell, fourth assistant, until Nov. 1, 1889; Sara Mock, substitute.

Kate L. Dodge.

Eliot District. — Kate L. Dodge, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Emma C. Keating, substitute.

Harriet E. Lampee.

Cleone G. Tewksbury.

Harriet E. Lampee, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Maggie D. Barr, substitute. Cleone G. Tewksbury, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; J. Gertrude Mulloney, substitute.

Catherine T. Simonds.

Franklin District. — Catherine T. Simonds, second assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Minnie B. Lincoln, substitute.

Mary E. Mitchell.

Mary E. Mitchell, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Helen A. Woods, substitute.

Charlotte L. Voigt.

Mather District. — Charlotte L. Voigt, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1889; Annie H. Pitts, substitute.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; election of teachers for permanent tenure of office. [See page 113.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — April 23 — an order concerning the preparation of list of teachers to be recommended for tenure of office, reported that no further legislation in the matter is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; Eastburn School Fund, amendment of Regulations. [See page 140.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 28 — an order relating to the amendment of the Regulations of Eastburn School Fund, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 378 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the last word, "destroyed," and substituting therefor the following: "filed with the clerk of the Committee on Accounts, and opened only thereafter to the inspection of the chairman of the Com-

mittee on the Normal School, and the Committee on Accounts."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be granted further time in which to report upon the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations concerning the number and rank of instructors in the Normal and Training Schools.

Committee on Rules and Regulations granted further time to report on proposed amendments to Rules and Regulations concerning Normal School. [See pp. 194, 195.]

On motion of Mr. Green, the report of the Board of Supervisors on the methods and scope of instruction in history in the High and Grammar Schools was taken from the table.

Report of Board of Supervisors on methods of instruction and scope of history. [See pp. 173, 197.]

The report was referred to the Committee on Examinations, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Bradbury and Emery's Academic Algebra be authorized for use in the High Schools as a text-book, in place of Bradbury and Eaton's.

Text-books in algebra. [See page 196.]

The order passed unanimously.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Ordered, That flag-poles be furnished for the several Grammar School-houses.

Flag-poles for Grammar School-houses.

Referred to Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — an order concerning the salary of Charles P. Lebon, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Charles P. Lebon. [See page 193.]

Ordered, That Charles P. Lebon, junior master in the English High School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Improvement in sanitary condition of Pierpont School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to improve the sanitary condition of the Pierpont School-house, on Hudson street.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Josephine Garland.

Ordered, That Josephine Garland, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Fourth Division; Slöjd classes in Warrenton-street Chapel.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, reported that they have received from Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw a proposition for the boys of the Brimmer School to attend the Slöjd classes maintained by her in the Warrenton-street Chapel. The committee recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw's offer be accepted, and that pupils of the Brimmer School be permitted to attend the Slöjd classes in the Warrenton-street Chapel.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Primary-School accommodations in Dudley District.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to fit a room in the building on Vernon and Auburn streets, Roxbury, for primary pupils in the Dudley District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to improve the ventilation of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, and to properly protect the openings of the cesspools.

Lucretia Crocker School-house; improved ventilation, etc.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report the necessary amendments to the course of study of the Grammar Schools, so as to include therein instruction in manual training.

Amendment of course of study in Grammar Schools; instruction in manual training.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to complete the new Roxbury High School-house.

Appropriation for new Roxbury High School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That male teachers of the day schools be allowed to teach in the evening schools during the term of 1889–90.

Male teachers in day schools may teach in evening schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to issue a certificate of service, special grade, principal of the Warrenton-street Evening School, to William W. Locke.

Certificate of service to William W. Locke.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk of the Evening High School be at the rate of four dollars per night, to

Salary of clerk of Evening High School.

date from Sept. 30, 1889; the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Normal School; teacher of Ling system of gymnastics in Normal School; offer of Mrs. Mary Hemenway.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Normal School, reported that they have received from Mrs. Mary Hemenway the offer of the services of a teacher of the Ling system of gymnastics, for service in the Normal School for one year, free of expense to the city. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the School Board accepts, with grateful appreciation, the generous offer of Mrs. Mary Hemenway to provide a teacher of the Ling system of gymnastics, for service in the Normal School, free of expense to the city.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Normal School; instructor in Kindergarten methods in Normal School. [See page 88.]

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 26 — an order requesting this committee to report on the expediency of appointing an instructor in kindergarten methods in the Normal School, reported that, as the Board has accepted the generous offer of Mrs. Pauline A. Shaw to provide such instruction in the Normal School for this year, no recommendation is needed at the present time.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Green, the following order was taken from the table: —

Text-books in chemistry. [See pp. 152, 196.]

Ordered, That William's Chemistry and William's Laboratory Manual be authorized for use as text-books in the English High School, in place of Eliot & Storer's Manual, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made by the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the order was amended so as to read "that William's Chemistry and William's

Laboratory Manual be added to the list of authorized text-books for use in the English High School, provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made by the Committee on Supplies," by a vote of 9 to 8.

The order, as amended, passed, sixteen members voting in the affirmative.

Mrs. Fifield presented the following: —

Communication from the Mayor; flag for Mather School.

CITY OF BOSTON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MRS. EMILY A. FIFIELD, *Chairman of the Ninth Division Committee, 4 Ashland street, Dorchester:* —

DEAR MADAM, — I present, herewith, to the Mather School, the National flag, now delivered into your hands. I request you to place the flag in the proper hands, and to express the fervent hope that the American flag and the American public school will be united as long as freedom dwells in our common country.

Very truly yours,

SEPTEMBER 23, 1889. THOMAS N. HART,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

It was unanimously

Vote of thanks to Mayor Hart.

Voted, That the thanks of the School Board be extended to Mayor Hart for his presentation of the flag to the Mather School.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

New Primary School-house in the Adams District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a ten-room Primary School-house on the corner of Sumner and Lamson streets, Adams District, on the lot belonging to the city.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

New Primary School-house at Orient Heights.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect an eight-room Primary School-house at Orient Heights, Emerson District, on the lot on Leyden street, recently enlarged, belonging to the city.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of school-houses for polling places. [See pp. 186, 187.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee reported that the several Division Committees have approved the request of the Board of Aldermen for the use of school-rooms for polling places. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the use of such rooms in the several school-houses, as the Board of Aldermen may find to be necessary, be granted for polling places; and that the Board of Aldermen be respectfully requested to relieve the schools, gradually at least, of the serious inconvenience to pupils and the interruption of the regular work of the schools, which the continued use of the school-houses for this purpose would cause.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriations for repairs of school buildings. [See pp. 187, 188.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — the communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, calling the attention of the Board to the necessity for additional appropriations for the proposed improvements in the Austin and Hancock School-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of $3,000, for raising and repairing the Austin School-house, East Boston; and the sum of $6,500, for improving the Hancock School-house; each amount in addition to appropriations heretofore granted for improvements in these buildings.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Parcel of land on Winship place surrendered to the City Council.

Ordered, That a strip of land measuring ten feet on Winship place, and extending to the rear of the lot of land recently purchased by this Board, and known as the Cogswell estate, situated in the Bennett District,

and adjoining the estate of Hall, be surrendered to and sold by the City Council, and the amount received be passed to the credit of this Board.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Cora I. Young, third assistant in the Harris District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Salary of Cora I. Young.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Mary E. Nichols, third assistant in the Mather District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Salary of Mary E. Nichols.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the evergreen trees near the old Gibson School-house.

Removal of trees near old Gibson School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to place a temporary partition and desks in the hall of the Mather School-house.

Temporary partition and desks in hall of Mather School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Ordered, That kindergarten accommodations be provided in the Prince District.

Accommodations for Kindergarten in Prince District.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Kindergartens and the Committee on Manual Training Schools be author-

Appointment of special assistants in Kinder-

gartens and Schools of Cookery.

ized, whenever in their judgment it is advisable, to appoint a special assistant, whose salary shall be fixed at five dollars a week, to serve in the kindergartens and schools of cookery.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Annual report of Committee on Kindergartens.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, submitted the following report: —

According to the requirements of the rules and regulations, the Committee on Kindergartens respectfully presents the following report: —

In the last report of the School Board it is stated as "the expectation and wish of the committee, that it may prove expedient to establish kindergartens, like primary classes, in connection with each grammar school of the city." With this purpose in view, the increase in the number of kindergartens has been quite as rapid as was to be expected during the first year of the adoption of the system. Receiving from Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Tolman fifteen kindergartens, the number was at once increased to nineteen, with thirty-six teachers, and during the year has been added to until there are at present twenty-four kindergartens, with forty-six teachers and about fifteen hundred children. Little change has been made in methods and plans which had proved so efficient in private hands, and, in organizing new kindergartens, the committee has been most careful to place only teachers of experience in charge, that the original high standard of the instruction may be continued. As far as practicable the kindergartens are subject to the general rules governing all the schools, and are under the care and direction of the principals of the districts in which they are placed.

The committee is still indebted to Mrs. Shaw for the use of rooms for two kindergartens, — North Bennett street and Ruggles street. One other is carried on in Warren Chapel, and one in Field building, Dorchester. The rest are all in regular school buildings or in rooms belonging to the city. The committee is quite ready, when a new appropriation shall have been granted, to add five more kindergartens to the present number, in places where the necessity is most urgent; viz., South Boston, East Boston, Jamaica Plain, Dorchester Lower Mills, and the Comins district. As the kindergartens become fully recognized as a part of the public-school system, and the value of the instruction becomes better known to the average parent, the number taking advantage of it will undoubtedly be much larger,

and the education of the children will, in every school, begin with the kindergarten.

Accepted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, submitted the following report: —

Annual report of Committee on Sewing.

The Committee on Sewing respectfully presents the following brief report: —

While manual and industrial training in the public schools is still in a very experimental state, the art of sewing, so quietly taught for the last thirty-five years, holds a firm and well-established place in the Grammar-school course, and, so far from lessening the acquirements of pupils in other branches of school work, tends to increase their interest in all other studies.

The neatness and great simplicity of sewing, interfering very little with the order and discipline of the classes, and, above all, the small expense attending it, render it the least objectionable of any form of industrial work, while as educational training it is certainly next to drawing in value.

The desire for its introduction into the upper Grammar classes is constantly increasing, both among pupils and teachers, showing that the results are valued, and that it does not encroach too much upon the time allotted to other branches of study. The committee has this year extended it into the second and third classes in the Chapman and Lyman schools, under the provisions of section 265 of the Regulations. For sufficient reasons, the committee allowed sewing to be temporarily dropped from the Horace Mann School, having in view a change in the plan of manual work when the new building is completed. A consequent reassignment of classes to various teachers was made and reported to the Board, Sept. 10, 1889. The resignation of Miss Eliza A. Baxter, one of the sewing teachers longest in service, took effect Sept. 1, 1889, leaving the number of teachers now employed twenty-nine. These teachers are many of them able and efficient instructors, and if the object of educational training is general preparation for the duties of life, no branch of our school course is more satisfactory than this.

Accepted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Mr. Emery asked for information concerning the lighting of the School-Committee Chamber with electricity.

Electric lights for School-Committee Chamber. [See pp. 20, 99, 100.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses,

stated that the committee had requested the Superintendent of Public Buildings to place electric lights in the building, and that the matter was now in his hands.

Unfinished business referred to committees and not reported upon.

The Chair called the attention of the various committees to Section 60 of the Rules, which provides that "whenever a motion, order, or resolution is referred to a committee, the chairman thereof shall give the member offering it an opportunity to be heard before the committee; and such committee shall report to the Board within one month after such reference." The Chair stated that he noticed, under unfinished business, a number of subjects referred to committees in February and June last which had not been reported upon.

Death of Charlotte A. Pike.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the death of Charlotte A. Pike, late fourth assistant in the Lyman District.

Placed on file.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Amendment of Section 183 of the Regulations; approved list of teachers for promotions.

Ordered, That Section 183 of the Regulations be amended by striking out all after the words "incompetent teachers," in the fifth line, page 35 of the Rules and Regulations, and inserting in place thereof the following words: "It shall also be the duty of the Board of Supervisors, on or before the first day of May in each year, to classify the teachers of the different grades below the first, selecting for an approved list out of the sub-masters, first and second assistants each, the ten, and out of the third and fourth assistants each, the fifty, best fitted for promotion."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the following order was taken from the table: —

Committee on Text-Books to

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be

requested to report on the matter of text-books in general history at the next meeting of the Board.

report on subject of text-books in general history. [See p. 196.]

After discussion, the order was laid on the table.

Report of Board of Supervisors on methods and scope of instruction in history. [See pp. 173, 197, 205.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the vote whereby the report of the Board of Supervisors was referred to the Committee on Examinations, was reconsidered.

Mr. Emery moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Text-Books, under a suspension of the rules.

Lost, three-fourths of the members present not voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the report of the Board of Supervisors was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 8, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Chapin, Elliott, Grainger, McDonald, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Whittemore, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order took its second reading: —

Ordered, That Sect. 378 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the last word "destroyed," and substituting therefor the following: "Filed with the Clerk of the Committee on Accounts, and opened only thereafter to the inspection of the Chairman of the Committee on the Normal School, and the Committee on Accounts."

Eastburn School-Fund; Regulations amended. [See pp. 140, 204.]

The order passed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Latin School. — Joseph Y. Bergen, Jr., special teacher of physics, Sept. 9, 1889.

Resignation of teachers.

Dwight District. — Mary McSkimmon, third assistant, Oct. 7, 1889.

Gibson District. — Marietta L. Valentine, fourth assistant, Sept. 30, 1889.

Lawrence District. — Annie M. Connor, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Lewis District. — Ellen M. Murphy, third assistant, Sept. 4, 1889.

Phillips District. — Alice M. Cushing, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Special Teacher of Music. — Joseph B. Sharland, Nov. 1, 1889.

Kindergartens.

Albany Street. — Jennie B. Brown, assistant, Sept. 4, 1889.

Baldwin School. — Mary B. Bacon, assistant, Sept. 30, 1889.

Union Street. — C. Mabel Rust, assistant, Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Adams District. — Ellen S. Bloomfield, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Allston District. — Agnes A. Aubin and Eva M. Cotton, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Charles Sumner District. — Martha W. Hanley, from Sept. 20, 1889.

George Putnam District. — Sarah A. Driscoll, from Sept. 16, 1889.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Isabella L. Bissett, from Sept. 9, 1889.

Lowell District. — Mary P. Crosby, from Sept. 27, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Anna R. French, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Pierce District. — Louise L. Carr, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Prince District. — Katharine L. Campbell, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Union-street Kindergarten. — Kate A. Duncklee, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — C. Howard Wilson, junior-master, from Sept. 12, 1889.

English High School. — John Vaughn, junior-master, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1889.

Bowdoin District. — Julia G. L. Morse, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889; Sylvia A. Richards, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Gibson District. — Ingemisca G. Weysse, third assistant, from Sept. 30, 1889.

George Putnam District. — Sarah A. Driscoll, third assistant, from Sept. 4 to 13, 1889, inclusive; Mary N. Sherburne, third assistant, from Sept. 16 to 27, 1889, inclusive.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Esther E. McGrath, third assistant, from Sept. 9, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, from Sept. 11, 1889.

Phillips District. — Julia F. Holland, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1889; Annie P. Elwell, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Pierce District. — Agnes B. Hudson, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Wells District. — Annie M. Keough, fourth assistant, from May 13 to 18, 1889, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

English High School. — James Mahoney, junior-master, third year, from Sept. 4, 1889; Joseph Y. Bergen, Jr., junior-master, sixth year, from Sept. 9, 1889.

Dorchester High School. — Edith S. Cushing, assistant, from Sept. 9, 1889.

Bunker Hill District. — Kate T. Brooks, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Charles Sumner District. — Josephine A. Slayton, third assistant, sixth year, from Oct. 3, 1889; Mary N. Sherburne, fourth assistant, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Dor.-Everett District. — Fannie Frizzell, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Dudley District. — Mary McSkimmon, first assistant, from Oct. 7, 1889; Edith Hovey, fourth assistant, from Oct. 3, 1889.

Emerson District. — Emma J. Irving, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Gaston District. — Sadie G. Christie, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Lewis District. — Ellen M. Murphy, second assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Anna R. French, fourth assistant, fifth year, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Pierce District. — Louise L. Carr, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

Kindergartens.

Baldwin School. — Caroline D. Aborn, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Neponset. — Jennie B. Brown, principal, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Union Street. — C. Mabel Rust, principal, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Winchell School. — Mary E. Watson, assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

English High School. — Harry C. Shaw, junior-master.

Roxbury High School. — Nellie A. Bragg, assistant.

Allston District. — Alexander Pearson, sub-master; Marion Keith, first assistant; Emma F. Martin, second assistant, Primary School.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Morse, second assistant.

Martin District. — Jeremiah G. Foley, first assistant.

Prince District. — Minnie R. Leavitt, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Clara I. Metcalf, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the Agassiz District, to date from Oct. 1, 1889.

Gaston District — Isabella J. Murray, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1889; Carrie A. Harlow and Josephine A. Powers, fourth assistants, to the positions of third assistants in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the Hillside District, to date from Oct. 1, 1889.

Wells District. — Georgia D. Barstow, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1889; Elizabeth Campbell, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

Election of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following-named instructors of Evening Drawing Schools, for the term of 1889–90, to date from Oct. 21, 1889: —

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Head Assistants. — Charles L. Adams, Henry K. Burrison, Anson K. Cross, Albert H. Munsell, Albert L. Ware.

Assistants. — Herbert W. Adams, Ralph W. Allen, Anna K. Blaisdell, Annie E. Blake, Emma W. Bragdon, Florence Cleaves, John L. Frisbee, W. Bertha Hintz, William L. Judkins, Edward R. Kingsbury, Frank S. Mason, Daniel F. Santry.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Election of principal of Warrenton-street Evening School.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the nomination of the following-named principal of an evening school for the term of 1889–90, to date from Sept. 30, 1889: —

Warrenton-street School. — William W. Locke.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for said principal.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Murphy, and Humphreys a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, re-

ported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. William W. Locke had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of first assistants and assistants in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools, for the term of 1889–90: —

Election of instructors of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistants, Frank M. Copeland, Sylvester Brown, Benjamin Tenney, Albert Poor, Emil C. Pfeiffer, Charles E. Stetson, Maurice P. White, Tilson A. Mead, Arthur B. Morong, from Sept. 30, 1889; Frederic W. Elliott, from Oct. 1, 1889; John C. Ryder, Isaac E. Pearl, Thomas Dean, William H. Moriarty, George W. Anderson, William H. Brown, from Oct. 7, 1889; Herbert L. Smith, from Oct. 8, 1889; Instructor of German, John F. Stein, from Oct. 7, 1889; Instructors of French, Karl Jonson, Henri Morand, from Oct. 7, 1889; Instructors of Phonography, Thornton D. Apollonio, from Sept. 30, 1889: C. Howard Montague, from Oct. 7, 1889; Instructors of Penmanship, Charles A. French, Arthur T. Whittemore, from Oct. 7, 1889; Thomas J. Barry, clerk, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Charlestown Branch. — Assistants, William R. Morse, Frank F. Courtney, F. Morton King, from Sept. 30, 1889; Instructor of Phonography, Richard F. Sullivan, from Sept. 30, 1889; Instructor of Penmanship, William A. Whitehouse, from Oct. 7, 1889; Instructor of French, Eugene Raymond, from Oct. 7, 1889.

Bigelow School. — Assistants, John D. Philbrick, Florence E. Neill, Winifred M. Clarkson, from Sept. 30, 1889; Mary L. Hennessy, from Oct. 1, 1889; Agnes G. Gilfether, Rose S. Havey, Mary F. O'Brien,

Georgie F. Drake, Ellen A. McMahon, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Comins School. — First assistant, John J. Moran, from Sept. 30, 1889. Assistants, Sylvia A. Richards, Martha W. Hanley, from Sept. 30, 1889; Katherine L. Campbell, Margaret A. McGuire, from Oct. 1, 1889; Elizabeth F. Pinkham, Walter P. White, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Dearborn School. — First assistant, John S. Richardson, from Sept. 30, 1889. Assistants, Cecilia A. Kelley, from Oct. 1, 1889; Martha T. O'Hea, Julia F. Holland, Rose A. Mohan, Benjamin F. Brown, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Daniel J. Mullen, Margaret Coyle, Sidney E. Bailey, from Sept. 30, 1889; Mary L. Lewis, Catherine J. Cunningham, Agnes F. Collier, Julia G. L. Morse, Annie E. Smith, from Oct. 2, 1889; Louise W. Betts, from Oct. 3, 1889; Dana J. Bugbee, Annie V. Hagerty, from Oct. 7, 1889.

Franklin School. — First assistant, James Burrier, from Sept. 30, 1889. Assistants, George B. Buffington, Esther E. McGrath, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Frances V. Keyes, Fanny L. Rogers, from Sept. 30, 1889; Helena F. Léary, from Oct. 1, 1889; Katharine C. Sullivan, Persis E. King, Sara Mock, from Oct. 2, 1889; Harry W. Whittemore, from Oct. 3, 1889. Teacher of English to Germans, Louis Leyser, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Hancock School. — Assistants, Margaret D. Mitchell, Sarah R. Dodge, E. Laura Tilden, Florence I. Morse, from Sept. 30, 1889. Teacher of English to Germans, Sigmund Pollak, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Lincoln School. — First assistant, George S.

Houghton, from Sept. 30, 1889. Assistants, Fannie M. Houghton, Ellen V. Courtney, Evelyn Condon, from Sept. 30, 1889; Alice T. Cornish, from Oct. 1, 1889; Angie P. S. Andrews, Margaret J. Adams, Edith A. Scanlan, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Lyman School. — Assistants, Samuel W. Clarke, Ellen S. Bloomfield, Martha S. Harding, Mary E. Thompson, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Neponset. — Assistants, Clarence Boylston, Mary E. Wilbar, from Sept. 30, 1889; Maria A. Tyler, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Phillips School. — Assistants, John E. Butler, Elizabeth N. Smith, Sarah E. Stumpf, from Sept. 30, 1889; B. Louise Hagerty, from Oct. 3, 1889.

Quincy School. — Assistants, Margaret E. Carey, Abram T. Smith, Mary P. Howland, Mary A. Boland, John O'Driscoll, Kate V. Tiernay, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Sherwin School. — Assistants, George R. Keene, Minna B. Noyes, from Sept. 30, 1889; Jennie E. Hintz, Annie S. Hayward, from Oct. 2, 1889. Teacher of English to Swedes, Fredrik Petersen, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Warren School. — Assistants, Benson B. Banker, Lucy M. Bosworth, Emma S. Fisk, Mary A. Mahan, Katherine A. McMahon, Agnes A. Herlihy, Theresa E. Hayes, from Sept. 30, 1889; Emma L. Mitchell, from Oct. 2, 1889; Martha T. O'Hea, from Oct. 8, 1889.

Warrenton-street School. — Assistants, John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, Annie Nichols, Emily H. Osborne, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Wells School. — Assistants, Alanson H. Mayers, Ernest W. Branch, Mary W. Perry, Almira Bixby, from Sept. 30, 1889; Mary A. Higgins, Matilda F.

Bibbey, Leila L. Rand, Abby G. Grandison, from Oct. 2, 1889; Mary F. McDonald, from Oct. 3, 1889.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; appointment of additional instructors in the Latin School. [See page 193.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, submitted the following: —

The Committee on Nominations, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — an order that the Committee on High Schools be authorized to appoint a special teacher of physics in the Boys' Latin School, with the rank and pay of master, reported that upon the change in the requirements for admission to Harvard College, it became necessary in October, 1887, to appoint a special teacher of physics in the Boys' Latin School. The Board, under a suspension of the rules, allowed the appointment of this extra teacher on account of the increased instruction required, and because the number of teachers allowed by the rules was insufficient for the amount of instruction demanded. A special salary was fixed for the position. The difficulty in securing the strongest available instructor for this advanced work who would be willing to permanently fill the position at the salary fixed by the Board, soon became apparent to the committee in charge. The person who has very acceptably filled the position for a year and a half, has naturally been anxious to enter upon some field of work which would better remunerate him for his labor. This he has found, and the committee are now compelled to seek his successor. There is at present in the corps of instructors in the Latin School one who is specially fitted to fill the position, but as he holds the present rank of master he cannot accept the position, at a reduced salary. This committee are convinced that an additional teacher should be allowed to the school on account of the increased demands which have been made upon it, and because the work cannot be properly done by the number of teachers allowed by the rules. The Board has recognized the necessity, and has authorized the employment of a special teacher, for the reasons stated. To avoid the necessity for repeated explanations, and the annual passage of the required orders, and to enable the committee in charge and the headmaster to so assign the work to the teachers as will secure the continuance of the present high standard of instruction in the school, your committee recommend that the Regulations be amended so as to provide for the permanent appointment of an additional teacher in the school. They recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 96 of the Regulations be amended as follows: Strike out the words "the Boys' Latin School and," in the

first and second lines. Insert after the word "registered," in the fourth line, the following words: "The Boys' Latin School shall be allowed one instructor, exclusive of the principal, for every thirty-five pupils registered; an additional instructor shall be allowed for such special work as may be required."

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Josephine A. Slayton, third assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Oct. 3, 1889, under the provisions of Section 117 of the Regulations. Salary of Josephine A. Slayton.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blake submitted the report of the Committee on Text-Books on Supplementary Reading, in print (School Doc. 12, 1889), which was accepted and laid on the table. Report of Committee on Text-Books on Supplementary Reading. [See page 192.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order proposing an amendment to Section 183 of the Regulations concerning an approved list of teachers for promotion, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; approved list of teachers for promotion. [See page 214.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by inserting the following section, and renumbering the present Section 184 and succeeding sections to conform to the change: —

SECT. 184. It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors, on or before the first day of May in each year, to prepare an approved list of the regularly confirmed teachers in the service below the grade of master, who are best fitted for promotion, as follows: Ten of the grade of junior-master in High Schools; ten each of the grades of sub-master, and first and second assistants in Grammar Schools; and fifty each of the grades of third

assistants in Grammar Schools and fourth assistants in Primary Schools. This list shall be kept in the supervisors' office, and open only to the inspection of the members of the Board.

Accepted, and the order passed to its second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; number and rank of instructors in Normal School. [See pp. 194, 195, 205.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — an order proposing amendments to the Rules and Regulations concerning the number and rank of teachers in the Normal School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Reglations be amended as follows: —

SECT. 94. Insert immediately before the words "and first," in the second line, the word "sub-master." Insert after the word "have," in the fourth line, the words "a sub-master." Add the following words to the section: "The instructors in the Training School shall be a master, two sub-masters, two first assistants, and as many second and third assistants as may be necessary, — the committee in charge to determine the number of second and third assistants, — provided that the whole number of instructors, exclusive of the master, shall not exceed one for every forty-nine pupils. An additional instructor may be elected for an excess of twenty-five pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty-five. An additional instructor, with the rank of second or third assistant, as the committee in charge shall determine, may be elected for an ungraded class.

SECT. 120. Insert after the word "of," in the first line, the words "sub-master and." Add the following to the section: "The salaries of the instructors of the several ranks in the Training School shall be the same as those for the same ranks in the Grammar Schools."

SECT. 311. Strike out the words to and including the word "and," in the second line.

Insert the following section: —

SECT. 312. The instructors in the Normal School shall perform such service in the Training School as the head-master may direct.

Accepted, and the order passed to its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the rules were suspended, and the order took its second reading and passed. Rules suspended.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 221 of the Regulations be amended as follows: Strike out the words "shall report in writing," in the tenth line, and insert in place thereof the words "shall send a written report signed by said instructor." Strike out after the word "shall," in the fourteenth line, the remainder of the section, and insert in place thereof the following: "on the next school day transmit the same to the Secretary of the School Board, who shall, at or before the first meeting of the Board in each month, furnish each member of the Board with a tabulated record of the punishments inflicted during the preceding month, giving the name of the school, the name of the master, the name of the instructor inflicting the punishment, the name of the pupil punished, the amount of the punishment, the reason for its infliction. Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted upon girls in any school, or upon boys in the High Schools." Corporal punishment; amendment of Regulations. [See page 97.]

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — June 11 —an order that in the third class of the Grammar Schools a portion of the time allotted to reading by the course of study may be spent upon supplementary reading authorized for that grade, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Report of Committee on Examinations; use of supplementary reading in third class of the Grammar Schools. [See page 153.]

Ordered, That in the third class of the Grammar Schools a portion of the time allotted to reading by the course of study may be spent upon supplementary reading authorized for that grade.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; instruction in phonography in High and Latin Schools. [See page 29.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order requesting this committee to report on the expediency of introducing the study of phonography into the High and Latin Schools, reported that, in their judgment, it is inexpedient to introduce this study in those schools at the present time.

Laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Examinations; marks of pupils in cooking, carpentry, and sewing. [See page 57.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 26 — an order that this committee "require that pupils in classes in cooking, carpentry, and sewing be marked the same as in other studies," reported that, in our judgment, it would be unjust to the other pupils in our schools to grant this request in its present form, the time spent in those studies being but a slight proportion of the time spent in other studies. We are of the opinion, however, that they should receive the recognition for the time spent in those studies, and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors prepare some method whereby pupils in the classes of cooking, carpentry, and sewing may receive the same credit, by marking in those studies, that they receive in other studies; but in proportion, however, that the time spent in those studies bears to the time spent in other studies.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; advanced grade of studies in the public schools.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, submitted the following report: —

The Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Sept. 10, 1889 — a communication from the City Council, requesting "the

School Board to consider and report upon the feasibility and cost of providing an advanced grade of education in connection with Boston's public-school system, such advanced grade to embrace the curriculum of the academic studies as taught at Harvard University; that the attention of the School Board is respectfully called to the recent opinion of the Corporation Counsel, in effect, that the power to establish such and all grades of public-school education is discretionary with the School Board; that in consideration of the proposed academic course the Board consider especially the cost of recitation accommodations and tutors, irrespective of the construction of any college or buildings in connection with the same," have carefully considered this communication, and respectfully report as follows: — [See pp. 124, 125, 185, 186.]

At a meeting of the School Board held on the 20th day of January, 1888, a communication, substantially the same as the present one, was received from the Common Council, was referred to this committee, and having been carefully and duly considered, we reported to this Board, at its meeting held May 14, 1889, that, in our judgment, it would be inexpedient to attempt the establishment of such a grade of studies in our public schools.

In the report then submitted — which was duly transmitted to the Common Council — we gave two reasons for the conclusions arrived at. The first: we could not understand why the Common Council should ask us to "consider and report on the expediency of establishing an advanced grade of studies in connection with Boston's system of public schools, said advanced grade to embrace the curriculum of studies at present provided by the academic course at Harvard College," while our most unremitting efforts, and our most persistent appeals, repeated over and over and over again during the last four years, could not obtain from the City Council the necessary accommodations to give all our children even a Grammar and Primary School education. The second: we had, according to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, no authority of law for furnishing what is called a "university course of instruction" in our public schools.

As the City Council seems somewhat persistent in this matter, and doubtful of the legal soundness of the position taken by this committee, as appears by the present communication to this Board, we take the liberty to say that, in our judgment, the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, referred to in the communication now before us, does not justify the interpretation given it by the City Council.

The opinion of the Corporation Counsel, dated March 26th last, and laid before the Common Council on the 28th of March, expressly

states that we have no authority of law for furnishing what is called a "university course of instruction" in connection with our public schools. The same opinion points out the special acts of the Legislature which were found necessary to authorize instruction in branches outside the ordinary course of studies in our public schools. And here we beg leave to say, that we do not consider that the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, dated June 12, 1889, differs materially from his opinion dated March 26, 1889, or that either opinion justifies the interpretation of the City Council.

Even if we had the power to establish the course of instruction described in the communication from the City Council, we are at a loss how, in the "consideration of the proposed academic course," we are to "consider especially the cost of recitation accommodations and tutors, irrespective of the construction of any college or buildings in connection with the same," unless this modern Athens should follow strictly the example of the ancient Athens. Ancient Athens had her academia, — a public garden or grove, — where Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and the other great educators, tutors, and philosophers, used to give instruction in an advanced grade of studies to their pupils and disciples, bare-headed, in the open air. Now, if this modern Athens should establish the university curriculum of studies proposed by the City Council, and should follow strictly the example of this city's ancient classic namesake, using for recitation accommodations the Common, Public Garden, or some of the more shady and secluded groves in Franklin park, it might be possible for this Board to comply, in part at least, with the request of the City Council, and consider or estimate the "cost of recitation accommodations, irrespective of the construction of any college or buildings in connection with the same."

A more difficult task, however, and one that this committee does not consider itself equal to, would be the consideration of the cost of proper *tutoring* under the given circumstances, climatic and otherwise.

In view of these facts, your committee deems any further consideration of this matter useless and unnecessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary E. Nichols. [See page 211.]

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order concerning the salary of Mary E. Nichols, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Mary E. Nichols, third assistant in

the Mather District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Cora I. Young. [See p. 211.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order concerning the salary of Cora I. Young, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Cora I. Young, third assistant in the Harris District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Josephine Garland. [See p. 206.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order that Josephine Garland, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, reported that a request for an increase in the salary of this teacher was made in 1887, and the Committee on Salaries of that year were unable to recommend the increase. The facts presented to this committee are the same as those presented in 1887, and they are unable to see any good reason for changing the decision of the committee of that year. They report that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Gas in East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to pipe for gas three rooms and the corridors in the East Boston High School-house, for the use of the evening schools.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Gas in Hancock School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to pipe for gas one additional room

in the Hancock School-house, for the use of the evening school.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Gas in Lincoln School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to pipe for gas one additional room in the Lincoln School-house, and supply a new service pipe, for the use of the evening schools.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Gas in Charlestown High School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to pipe for gas, and furnish with gas-fixtures, the large room and corridor on the third floor of the Charlestown High School-house; also to furnish an increased number of lights in the two small rooms in the second story of the Charlestown High School-house; both for the use of the Evening High School.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Primary-School accommodations in the Dudley District.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up a room in the building in the corner of Vernon and Auburn streets, for the accommodation of Primary-School pupils in the Dudley District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Certificates and diplomas to pupils in the Evening High School.

Ordered, That certificates be awarded to pupils in the Evening High School at the close of the term in the thirteen regular branches of instruction taught, and that a pupil receiving six of these certificates shall be entitled to a diploma of graduation from the school.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on Music, reported the following: —

The Committee on Music having received the resignation of Mr. Joseph B. Sharland as teacher of music in the High Schools of Boston, and being assured that his desire to be relieved of the duties of his position is sincere and positive, have reluctantly accepted his resignation, and offer the following resolutions: —

Resolutions on resignation of Mr. Joseph B. Sharland.

Resolved, That in the retirement of Mr. Joseph B. Sharland from the position of teacher of music in our public schools, the city of Boston is deprived of the services of a gentleman whose connection with these schools during the past twenty-seven years has won for him the warm esteem of the host of pupils who have enjoyed his instruction, and the admiration of those citizens who have understood the quality of his work.

Resolved, That to his high professional attainments, to his exceptional skill as an instructor, and to his never-failing enthusiasm, our schools are largely indebted for the progress they have made in musical excellence during the years of his connection with them, and for the position they now hold in that respect among the best in the country.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be extended to Mr. Sharland for the valued services he has, during these many years, rendered our city; together with assurances of our best wishes for his health and prosperity in whatever sphere of activity he may hereafter devote his talent and energies.

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed upon the records of the Board, and a copy thereof be presented to Mr. Sharland.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported that, under the provisions of Sect. 235 of the Regu-

Report of Committee on Sewing; in-

struction in sewing extended in Hillside and Hyde Schools.

lations, instruction in sewing may be extended into other classes than those named in the section, on the joint recommendation of the Division Committee of the school where such extension is proposed, and the Committee on Sewing.

Upon the recommendation of the Committees on the Fifth and Eighth Divisions, your committee report that the following orders ought to pass: —

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the upper classes in the Hillside District.

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the third class in the Hyde School.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Establishment of a Kindergarten in Comins District.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Smith-street School-house, Comins District.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Moses Merrill.

Latin School. — Moses Merrill, head-master, for a period not exceeding six months; William J. Gibson, temporary teacher, without expense to the city.

Minot District. — Mary J. Pope, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890; Mary E. Mullen, substitute.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following: —

Office of Accounts, Mason Street, Oct. 8, 1889.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred from April 1 to Oct. 1, being six months' payments of the present financial year, the same being

exclusive of expenditures for furniture, repairs, and the cost for new school-houses.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1889-90.	October Draft.	Expenditures, 6 mo. 1889-90.	Balance Unexpended.
Salaries, instructors...	$1,331,540 00	$105,194 67	$636,910 43	$694,629 57
Salaries, officers	58,300 00	4,873 34	29,115 00	29,185 00
Salaries, janitors	102,000 00	8,208 41	49,081 25	52,918 75
Fuel, gas, and water ..	80,000 00	17,877 46	56,589 96	23,410 04
Supplies and inc. ex...	86,116 93	5,802 16	57,332 45	28,784 48
	$1,657,956 93	$141,956 04	$829,029 09	$828,927 84

As compared with the corresponding time last year: —

Salaries of instructors increased	$26,648 15
Salaries of officers increased	48 00
Salaries of janitors increased	709 92
Fuel, gas, and water increased	4,776 98
Supplies and inc. expenses increased	11,410 21
Total increase for six months	$43,593 26

More than 25 per cent. of the above increase is due to the establishment of Kindergartens.

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY,

Chairman.

Accepted.

Annual report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Miss Hastings, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Hygiene; Ling system of gymnastics.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Hygiene, reported, that they have had the subject of physical training in the public schools under consideration for several months. At the request of this committee the Board of Supervisors submitted a report on the subject, which is herewith presented to the Board (School Doc. 10, 1889). This committee heartily approves the suggestions and recommendations contained in said report,

and are firmly of the opinion that the Ling system is the best adapted for use in the public schools. They recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Ling system of gymnastics be the authorized system of physical training in the public schools, and that it be introduced into them as soon as teachers are prepared to conduct the exercises.

Minority report. [See p. 46.]

Miss Hastings submitted a minority report of the Committee on Hygiene, recommending that the report and order offered by the majority of the Committee on Hygiene be laid on the table, and that the Committee on Hygiene be requested to comply with the instruction of the order committed to it last February.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the reports were laid on the table, and specially assigned for consideration at eight o'clock of the next meeting.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Additional copies of report of Board of Supervisors on physical training, Sch. Doc. 10, 1889. [See p. 170.]

Ordered, That 1,500 additional copies of the report of the Board of Supervisors on the subject of physical training (School Doc. 10, 1889) be printed for circulation among the teachers of the public schools.

Special assignment.

Laid on the table, and especially assigned for consideration at the next meeting, at eight o'clock.

Communication from Amy Morris Homans; Ling system of gymnastics.

M. Winship presented the following: —

2A Park St., Oct. 8, 1889.

To the Board of School Committee: —

Several of the masters have expressed a wish to take the Normal Course in the Ling System of Gymnastics. Mrs. Hemenway will, therefore, if it be your pleasure, provide instruction, free of expense to the City of Boston, for those masters and sub-masters who may desire to make a thorough study of the Ling System for the benefit of the Boston public schools.

I am yours very truly,

AMY MORRIS HOMANS.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That the offer of Madam Hemenway, to form an additional class in physical training, to be composed of masters and sub-masters of our public schools, be accepted, and that the secretary acknowledge this additional advantage to be gained by the schools, and express to her the thanks of this Board. Ling system of gymnastics.

The communication and order were laid on the table, and specially assigned for consideration at eight o'clock of the next meeting. Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the lot of land on the corner of Cumberland and St. Botolph streets, containing 16,000 square feet, at present owned by the Trustees of Huntington-avenue Land, be purchased for school purposes, and that the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars ($36,000) be paid to W. S. Hutchinson, for account of Trustees of Huntington-avenue Land for said lot, the necessary amount for the purchase thereof having been appropriated by the City Council. Purchase of lot of land on Cumberland street for school purposes.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the lot of land on Glen Road and Washington street, Jamaica Plain, containing 14,228 square feet, and building thereon, at present owned by William K. Brown, be purchased for school purposes, and that the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500) be paid to William K. Brown for said lot and building thereon; the necessary sum for the purchase thereof having been appropriated by the City Council. Purchase of lot on Glen Road for school purposes. [See p. 155].

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect the following-named school-houses: — New school-houses.

New Grammar School-house, 12 rooms and a hall, in the Pierce District.

New Primary School-house, 6 rooms, in the Hillside District.

New Primary School-house, 6 rooms, in the Lowell District.

New Primary School-house, 4 rooms, in the George Putnam District.

New Primary School-house, 6 rooms, in the Bunker Hill District.

New Primary School-house, 8 rooms, two stories and small hall, in the Prince District.

Mr Allen offered the following orders: —

Text-books in history.

Ordered, That Anderson's New General History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools.

Ordered, That Fisher's Outlines of Universal History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Communication from Park Commissioners; open-air gymnasium.

The Chair read the following: —

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, CITY OF BOSTON,
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
85 MILK STREET, Oct. 7, 1889.

CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, ESQ., *Chairman School Committee*: —

SIR, — We would call your attention to the fact that the open-air gymnasium at Charlesbank is ready for use. A trained instructor is in charge, and the gymnasium is well adapted for use by pupils of the public schools.

Respectfully yours,
BENJ. DEAN,
Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Cora Scott Pond; historical pageant.

Chairman and Members of School Board: —

We ask that the teachers and upper classes be excused from school duties to attend the Historical Pageant to be given in Boston Theatre Oct. 11, at 1 P.M.

1st. On account of the historical lessons to be learned from these pictori al reproductions of great events and periods.

2d. On account of the great desire many of the teachers have expressed to learn these lessons.

3d. On account of the stimulus given to further study the history of our own country.

Respectfully submitted,
CORA SCOTT POND.

MONDAY, Oct. 7, 1889.

On motion of Mr. Emery, further consideration of the communication was indefinitely postponed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

Respectfully represents the undersigned, that in the fall of 1885, by unanimous vote of your committee, he was kindly authorized and permitted to address, on the importance of kindly treating the lower animals, all the High, Latin, Normal, and Grammar Schools of Boston one hour each.

That on Feb. 8, 1887, by unanimous vote of your committee, he was kindly authorized and permitted, on behalf of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to distribute gratuitously about sixty thousand humane leaflets in the Boston public schools.

In behalf of the same society, he would now most respectfully ask permission: —

1. To present to each of the Boston High, Normal, Latin, and Grammar Schools, a bound volume of "Our Dumb Animals."

2. To present to each teacher in all the Boston public schools, copies of humane leaflets, for such use as they may deem proper without interfering with other duties.

3. To offer to the pupils of the senior class in each Grammar and higher-grade school, a prize of $10 for the best essay on the importance of kindly treating the lower animals, and a prize of $100 for the prize essay which shall be deemed to be the best.

4. To offer to the pupil in each public school-room in Boston, who, during the three coming winter months, shall be most distinguished for general kindness, a bound volume of "Our Dumb Animals," and a pure silver or plated gold badge pin of the American Band of Mercy; the pupil receiving the largest vote of the pupils of the room, and approved by the teachers, to be entitled to the prize.

Should there be any objection to either of these requests, the undersigned would most respectfully ask, in behalf of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that the matter be referred to a committee, and that he may have opportunity to present the reasons why they should be granted.

GEO. T. ANGELL,
President.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to carry out the suggestions therein contained.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 22, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Grainger, Mowry, O'Grady, and Schindler.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the records of the last meeting were amended by inserting after the word "Accepted," page 237, the following: —

Minutes amended.

"On motion of Mr. Emery, the report of the Board of Supervisors on the methods and scope of instruction in history was referred to the Committee on Examinations, with instructions to report at the next meeting."

Report of Board of Supervisors on methods and scope of instruction in history. [See pp. 173, 197, 205.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, ESQ., *President of the School Committee*: —

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, — In behalf of the city which you serve so well, and in behalf of the Honorable the Delegates of the International American Conference, I thank you, and through you the Honorable the School Committee, for the generous spirit in which you have enabled the guests of the city and the country to witness the working of our public schools.

With sincere respect, yours,

THOMAS N. HART, *Mayor*.

October 10, 1889.

Communication from the Mayor; visit of General American Congress. [See pp. 199, 200.]

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading: —

Approved list of teachers for promotion. [See pp. 214, 227, 228.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by inserting the following section, and renumbering the present Section 184 and succeeding sections to conform to the change: —

"SECT. 184. It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors, on or before the first day of May in each year, to prepare an approved list of the regularly confirmed teachers in the service below the grade of master, who are best fitted for promotion, as follows: Ten of the grade of junior-master in High Schools; ten each of the grades of sub-master, and first and second assistants, in Grammar Schools; and fifty each of the grades of third assistants in Grammar Schools and fourth assistants, in Primary Schools. This list shall be kept in the supervisors' office, and open only to the inspection of the members of the Board."

The order passed.

Communication from George N. Hill; dignity and self-respect in the schools.

The Chair presented a communication from George N. Hill, in which he stated that he had a manuscript of "Fine Moral Dignity, a Manual of Self-respect," for the schools, which he would be pleased to present to the School Board, to have printed. The communication was referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Andrew District. — Elizabeth A. Souther, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1889.

Hancock District. — Anna B. Grimes, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1889.

Lincoln District. — Joanna C. Wilkinson, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1889.

Martin District. — Jeremiah G. Foley, first assistant, Oct. 18, 1889.

Minot District. — Harriet J. Bowker, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Thompson, from Oct. 8, 1889.

Lincoln District. — Lura M. Power, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Andrew District. — Alice T. Cornish, third assistant, from September 4, 1889.

Lincoln District. — Evelyn Condon, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Lowell District. — Rose A. Mohan, fourth assistant, from Oct. 22, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Stickney, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Lincoln District. — Lura M. Power, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Minot District. — Edna A. Hill, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Kate F. Hobart, fourth assistant.

Gibson District. — Fidelia A. Adams, second assistant.

Norcross District. — Helen E. Hobbs, third assistant.

Schools of Cookery.

Child Street. — Hattie I. Davis, instructor.

Harvard School. — Caroline J. Duff, instructor.

Tennyson Street. — Annabell G. E. Hope, instructor.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — *Assistants*, Jeremiah G. Foley, Wales R. Stockbridge, Jr., from Oct. 14, 1889.

Bigelow School. — *Assistants*, Gertrude Goodwin, from Oct. 10, 1889; Annie P. Elwell, from Oct. 16, 1889.

Hancock School. — *Assistant*, Bertha M. Smith, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Lyman School. — *First Assistant*, Samuel W. Clarke, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Accepted.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools.

Assistants. — Frank F. Frederick, Frederick W. Hersey, Daniel H. Leavitt, M. Alma Comstock, from Oct. 21, 1889.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Hannah M. Coolidge.

Everett District. — Hannah M. Coolidge, fourth assistant, until January 1, 1890; Margaret H. Manning, substitute.

Mary E. Powell.

Lincoln District. — Mary E. Powell, second assistant, primary school, until Dec. 1, 1889; Ellen V. Courtney, substitute.

Norcross District. — Susan H. Thaxter, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1890. Susan H. Thaxter.

Mr. Packard, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom were referred — Feb. 12 — petitions of certain masters of the schools of the City of Boston, and the Quincy School Association, asking that the new Grammar School-house, about completed, in the Sixth Division should be named in honor of the late John D. Philbrick, for so many years Superintendent of Schools, reported that they have considered the petitions, and while they appreciate the eminent educational qualifications of Mr. Philbrick, who for so many years was Superintendent of the Public Schools of Boston, and also recognize the kindly and appreciative spirit of the petitioners in recommending the naming of the new school for him, your committee feel, with all due respect to their request, that it would be contrary to precedent in the history of our schools during late years to recommend the naming of a Grammar School for any person other than the Mayor of Boston in office at the time, where a school-house has not already been named for him; they therefore would respectfully suggest that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, and would report the following order: — Report of Committee on Sixth Divison; naming of new Grammar School in South Boston. [See pp. 40, 49.]

Ordered, That the new Grammar School-house in the Sixth Division, situated on H street, between East Fifth and East Sixth streets, be named the Thomas N. Hart Grammar School, in honor of the present Mayor of the City of Boston.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Packard, for the Committee on Music, it was Committee on Music granted further time to prepare annual report.

Ordered, That the Committee on Music be granted further time to prepare the annual report of that committee.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Flag-staff for Mt. Vernon School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide and place in position a flag-staff for the Mt. Vernon School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Examinations; certificates and diplomas to pupils in the Evening High School. [See page 234.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Oct. 8 — an order concerning the award of certificates and diplomas in the Evening High School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That certificates be awarded to pupils in the Evening High School at the close of the term in the thirteen regular branches of instruction taught, and that a pupil receiving six of these certificates shall be entitled to a diploma of graduation from the school.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; methods and scope of instruction in history. [See pp. 173, 197, 205, 243.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 8 — the report of the Board of Supervisors on the methods and scope of the instruction in history in the public schools, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That no change be made in the present course of instruction in history.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; etiquette in the schools. [See pp. 195, 196.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — an order that this committee report a plan by which the public schools can be brought to a much higher standard of etiquette than that existing at present, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the training of pupils in good manners be provided for in the courses of study.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue certificates of qualification, special grade, instructors in sewing, to certain candidates for such certificates who have passed satisfactorily the examinations, held August, 1889, but have not taught school one year.

Certificates of qualification, special grade, instructors in sewing.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order that the Board of Supervisors be requested to report necessary amendments to the courses of study of the Grammar and Primary Schools, so as to include therein instruction in manual training, reported that, as this matter has been practically provided for in a former report and acted upon by the Board, no further action in the order referred is necessary.

Report of Committee on Examinations; instruction in manual training. [See page 207.]

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the semi-annual examination of the first classes of the Primary Schools for promotion to the Grammar Schools, to be held under the Regulations in January, be not required this year; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to present the necessary amendments to the Regulations to provide that semi-annual examinations of the first classes of the Primary Schools be no longer required.

Semi-annual examinations of first classes in the Primary Schools for promotion to the Grammar Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to repair the plank sidewalks of the Joshua Bates School-house.

Repair of sidewalks of Bates School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Regrading of yard of Bates School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to regrade the yard of the Joshua Bates School-house, so as to prevent the flowing of water into the cellar of the building.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Salary of Kate A. Duncklee.

Ordered, That there be paid to Kate A. Duncklee the sum of fourteen dollars, for services as special assistant in the Union-street Kindergarten, from Sept. 4 to 24, 1889.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Branch Evening High School in East Boston.

Ordered, That a branch Evening High School be opened in East Boston, to date from Oct. 21, 1889.

Passed.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Gas in East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to pipe for gas two additional rooms in the East Boston High School-house for the use of the East Boston branch of the Evening High School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Rooms in Franklin School-house to be piped for gas.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to pipe for gas four additional rooms in the Franklin School-house, for the use of the Evening School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of William R. Morse, assistant in charge of the Charlestown branch of the Evening High School, be fixed at the rate of five dollars per evening of actual service, to date from Sept. 30, 1889.

Salary of assistant in charge of Charlestown branch of the Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to pipe for gas and furnish with fixtures the coat-rooms and stairways in the Charlestown High School-house, for the use of the Evening High School.

Gas in Charlestown High School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to report a salary for the grade of sub-master in the Normal School.

Salary of sub-master in Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Murphy, for the committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide a cabinet for the Dearborn School-house.

Cabinet for Dearborn School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make needed repairs in the heating and ventilating apparatus in the Dearborn and Yeoman-street School-houses; and to make needed improvements in yard of, and furnish required furniture for, the Dearborn School-house.

Repairs, etc., Dearborn and Yeoman-street School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Tenant of house corner of Auburn and Vernon streets, belonging to the city.

Ordered, That John T. McBarron, at present residing in the house on the corner of Auburn and Vernon streets, Roxbury, belonging to the city, be allowed to continue to occupy said house as a residence, the heating and care of the school-room located in said house to be accepted in lieu of rent from Nov. 1, 1889, until otherwise ordered by the Board.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Classes in elementary manual training in Comins and Martin Districts.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That classes in elementary manual training be established in the Comins and Martin Districts.

Committee on Manual Training Schools to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training Schools be authorized to report in print.

Special assignment. Reports of Committee on Hygiene on physical training. [See pp. 237, 238.]

The time having arrived, the special assignments, being the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Hygiene on the subject of physical training, were taken up.

The motion to substitute the minority for the majority report was lost by a vote of 4 to 10.

Mr. Capen moved that further consideration of the matter be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board at eight o'clock.

Mr. Swasey offered the following as a substitute for the order appended to the majority report: —

Ordered, That the Ling System of Gymnastics be authorized for physical training in the public schools, and that it be introduced into them, at the discretion of

the Committee on Hygiene, as soon as teachers are prepared to conduct the exercises.

The Chair stated that the question is on special assignment of the order, appended to the majority report of the committee, to the next meeting, at eight o'clock. Pending that motion, Mr. Swasey offers an amendment.

The Chair would rule that an amendment to that order cannot be entertained pending a motion to assign to a day certain, under the rule, but that by unanimous consent, there being no objection made, the amendment will be considered at the same time with the order, and both assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign the subject for consideration to the next meeting, at eight o'clock, passed.

Special assignment.

The special assignment for eight o'clock was taken up, viz. : —

Special assignment.

Ordered, That 1,500 additional copies of the report of the Board of Supervisors on the subject of physical training (School Doc. 10, 1889) be printed for circulation among the teachers of the public schools.

Additional copies of report of Board of Supervisors on physical training. [See pp. 170, 238.]

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the order was amended by striking out all after the word "printed."

The order, as amended, passed.

The special assignment for eight o'clock, being the communication from Miss Amy M. Homans (see page 238), and the following order, offered at thelast meeting by Mr. Winship, was taken up : —

Special assignment. Communication from Amy Morris Homans; class in Lyng system of gymnastics. [See pp. 238, 239.]

Ordered, That the offer of Madam Hemenway to form an additional class in physical training, to be composed of masters and sub-masters of our public schools, be accepted, and that the Secretary acknowledge this additional advantage to be gained by the schools, and express to her the thanks of this Board.

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

Mr. Emery offered the following: —

Flag-staffs for Sherwin and Hyde Schools.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish suitable flag-staffs for the Sherwin and Hyde Schools.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Green presented the following communication and order: —

Communication from Dr. Charles L. Scudder; lateral curvature of spine and round shoulders among pupils.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston : —

Owing to the frequency of the occurrence of lateral curvature of the spine and round shoulders amongst growing boys and girls, it has been thought wise to investigate, if possible, the exact relations which muscular weakness bears to these common deformities, if, perchance, facts will be developed which will assist in their more rational and satisfactory treatment. For this purpose I respectfully ask permission of you to make some observations upon the children in the public schools. The necessary tests can be so arranged that they shall take but a few moments (five) of the scholar's time, and shall not interfere with the school exercises. No exposure of the child's person need be made. The tests can be made with the clothing on. The exact facts that would be ascertained in each case are: The nationality, the sex, the age, the height standing, the height sitting, the weight, the muscular strength, the presence or absence of spinal curvature.

Yours respectfully,
CHARLES L. SCUDDER.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Dr C. L. Scudder to make, in certain of the public schools, a series of observations, as specified in his letter to this Board, hereto appended; provided that the said observations be made at such times and under such restrictions as the masters of the several schools sdall designate.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Hygiene.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from John G. Blake.

Oct. 22, 1889.

My dear Mr. President: — I am called to an important consultation of physicians on a case in which I am professionally interested,

and I fear I shall not be able to be present at the School Board meeting until late in the evening.

Yours very truly,
JOHN G. BLAKE.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Green, the report of the Committee on Text-Books on Supplementary Reading (School Doc. 12, 1889) was taken from the table.

Report of Committee on Text-Books on Supplementary Reading. [See pp. 192, 227.]

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the following orders appended to the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That the following-named books be added to the list of authorized supplementary reading-books: —

Latin Schools. — Ritchie's Fabulæ Faciles.

Latin and High Schools. — Monroe's Fifth Reader (old edition).

Grammar Schools. — Permanent supplementary reading: Class VI., Our World Reader, No. 1 (no more copies of Our World, No. 1, to be purchased). Circulating supplementary reading: Gilman's Historical Readers, 3 vols.; Pilgrims and Puritans; The Patriotic Reader; Ballou's Footprints of Travel.

Primary Schools. — Circulating supplementary reading: First Readers, — Stickney's (new edition); Harper's; Second Readers. — Stickney's (new edition); Harper's; Wood's Second Natural History Reader; Young Folk's Library, Nos. 5 and 6 (Silver, Burdett, & Co.).

2. *Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be required to arrange in half-sets, of thirty copies each, the books now belonging to the circulating sets for general reading in the Grammar Schools, and to assign them for use, as indicated in School Doc. 12, 1889.

3. *Ordered*, That forty-four half-sets of books (making one hundred and sixty-two half-sets in all) be

added to those already in use in the Grammar Schools, in order that each school may have three sets at one and the same time.

4. *Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to indicate such books as should be purchased to complete the sets referred to in School Doc. 12, 1889.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, each of the orders was amended by adding the words "at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies," by a vote of 11 to 6.

The orders, as amended, were severally passed.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Text-books in French and German.

Ordered, That Daudet's La Belle Nivarnaise be added to the list of authorized text-books in French, and that Im Zwielicht, Vol. II., be added to the list of authorized text-books in German, in the Latin and High Schools.

Laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; text-books in history. [See page 240.]

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, to whom was referred, — Oct. 8, — with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board, orders that Anderson's New General History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools, and that Fisher's Outlines of General History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, reported that in the opinion of this committee it is inexpedient at this time to pass the orders referred, or either of them.

Minority report.

Mr. Allen presented the following minority report: —

The undersigned member of the Text-Book Committee respectfully submits the following minority report: By the recommendation of the Text-Book Committee, and by vote of the School Board, Swinton's Outlines of General History was dropped from the list of text-books in use in the Boston schools on the twelfth day of June, 1888, and on the eighteenth day of the same month the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the following recommendation:

"That Fisher's History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, with the suggestion that the publishers furnish it in parts." But in the face of this recommendation, the School Board voted on the ninth day of October, 1888, to put an old history under a new name into the schools, — the name of the new history being Anderson's "New General History." Plato advised the citizens of his republic to do "everywhere and at all times the best." Boston cannot afford to do less. Anderson's History is not the best. Out of date in its plan, unsatisfactory in its arrangement, grossly inaccurate, and notoriously incomplete, it is not creditable to this Board to continue the book longer in the public schools. The recommendation of the Board of Supervisors one year ago, the expressed conviction of the Text-Book Committee about the same time, the recognized scholarship of Professor George P. Fisher, author of the "Outlines of Universal History," induce me to dissent from the report of a majority of the Text-Book Committee, and to recommend the orders referred be adopted by the School Board.

WILLARD S. ALLEN.

Ordered, That Anderson's "New General History" be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools.

Ordered, That Fisher's "Outlines of Universal History" be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies.

The question was on the substitution of the minority for the majority report.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Fallon the whole subject was especially assigned for consideration to the next meeting of the Board, at half-past eight o'clock, by a vote of 10 to 3.

Special assignment.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order that blank-books be prepared and kept in the schools for the purpose of noting facts in relation to contagious diseases, and — March 12 — an order that an edition of school-district maps be issued, and — March 12 — an order concerning the furnishing of each High and Grammar School with a flag of the United States, reported that the several

Report of Committee on Supplies; records of contagious diseases. [See page 46]. Maps of school districts. [See page 65.] Flags for schools. [See page 70.]

matters have been attended to, and that no further legislation is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Supplies; disposition of Boston School exhibit at Paris Exposition.
[See page 200.]

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — a communication from the United States Superintendent of Education at the Paris Exposition, requesting that the exhibit of the Boston Public Schools be donated to the French Pedagogic Museum of Paris, reported that they have carefully considered the request, and would willingly recommend that it be granted if it could be done according to the conditions under which the exhibition was collected. But as many of the articles sent are the property of individual pupils, who were promised that their contributions would be returned, the committee feel that they would not be justified in granting the request.

Your committee respectfully recommend, therefore, that the communication to the Commissioner (provided the action of this committee be approved), regretting the inability of the School Board to comply with his request, be accompanied with explanatory facts.

Accepted.

Annual report of Board of Supervisors.

The Chair presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors for 1889.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Edition.

Ordered, That sixteen hundred copies of the annual report of the Board of Supervisors be printed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 12, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Fallon and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, the records of the last meeting were amended by substituting, on page 244, "Oct. 26, 1889," for "Oct. 18, 1889," as the date of the resignation of Jeremiah G. Foley, first assistant in the Martin District.

Minutes amended; resignation of Jeremiah G. Foley. [See page 244.]

On motion of Mr. Capen, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair read the following: —

City of Boston,
In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 14, 1889.

Communication from the City Council; appropriations for school-houses.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer the sum of one hundred and thirteen thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars from the appropriation for Police Department; said sum to be appropriated and expended for the following purposes, namely: —

High School-house, Roxbury	$80,000
Building for out-patients (furnishing)	8,950
Austin Primary School-house	3,000
Hancock School-house	6,500
Horace Mann School-house	15,000

Passed. Yeas, 13. Sent down for concurrence.
October 24, came up concurred. Yeas, 53; nays, none.
Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 26, 1889.
A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations; resignation of teachers.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Bowdoin District. — Sarah O. Brickett, second assistant, Nov. 1, 1889.

Charles Sumner District. — Maud G. Leadbetter, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1889; Kate F. Hobart, fourth assistant, Nov. 4, 1889.

Dwight District. — Caroline A. Farrell, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1889.

Franklin District. — Clara M. Moseley, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1889.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth A. Prichard, fourth assistant, Oct. 7, 1889.

Stoughton District. — Maria A. Shields, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1889.

Kindergartens.

Hudson Street. — Abbie M. Small, principal, Nov. 30, 1889.

Quincy Street. — Emily B. Stodder, assistant, Nov. 30, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Charles Sumner District. — Katharine M. Coulahan, from Nov. 6, 1889.

Dillaway District. — Ella F. Little, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Margaret A. McGuire, from Oct. 16, 1889.

Quincy District. — Annie G. Hill, from Oct. 21, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior master, from Sept. 4 to 5, 1889, inclusive.

Dudley District. — Edith Hovey, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4 to 25, 1889, inclusive.

Dwight District. — Susan F. B. Perry, third assistant, from Oct. 7 to 11, 1889, inclusive.

George Putnam District. — Mary A. Boland, third assistant, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4, 1889, inclusive; Harry W. Whittemore, third assistant, from Oct. 7, 1889.

Gibson District. — Annie H. Pitts, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Isabella L. Bissett, fourth assistant, from Nov. 11, 1889.

Hyde District. — Ellen L. Brown, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Lowell District. — Mary N. Sherburne, third assistant, from Sept. 4 to 9, 1889, inclusive; Rose A. Mohan, fourth assistant, from Sept. 4 to 16, 1889, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Charles Sumner District. — Maud G. Leadbetter, first assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889; Martha W. Hanley, fourth assistant, from Nov. 4, 1889.

Dwight District. — Clara P. Wardwell, third assistant, from Oct. 14, 1889; Sara Mock, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Franklin District. — Minnie B. Lincoln, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Gibson District. — Kate L. Pierce, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Harvard District. — Agnes A. Herlihy, fourth assistant, second year, from Oct. 7, 1889.

Stoughton District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Kindergarten.

Hudson Street. — Emily B. Stodder, principal, from Nov. 30, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dwight District. — Sarah C. Fales, third assistant; Agnes J. Cushman, second assistant, Primary School.

Eliot District. — Rose A. Carrigan, third assistant; M. Elizabeth McGinley, fourth assistant.

Harvard District. — Sarah J. Worcester, fourth assistant.

Lowell District. — Ellen M. Farrell, third assistant.

Quincy District. — Angie C. Damon, third assistant.

Kindergartens.

Albany Street. — Mary T. Hale, principal.

Appleton Street. — Mabel Hooper, principal.

Baldwin School. — Ida A. Noyes, principal.

Common Street. — Sallie Bush, principal.

Cottage Place. — Caroline E. Carr, Anna E. Marble, principals.

Cushman School. — Anne L. Page, principal; E. Louise Richards, assistant.

Field's Corner. — Grace H. Mather, assistant.

Francis Street. — Angie B. Towne, assistant.

Howe School. — Emilie F. Bethmann, principal; Frieda M. Bethmann, assistant.

Hudson Street. — Abbie M. Small, principal.

North Bennet Street. — Mary C. Peabody, principal; Isabel G. Dame, assistant.

North Margin Street. — Anna Spooner, principal.

Princeton Street. — Lelia A. Flagg, principal; Flora S. McLean, assistant.

Quincy Street. —Emily B. Stodder, assistant.

Ruggles Street. — Caroline E. Josselyn, principal.

Rutland Street. — Emma L. Alter, principal.

Sharp School. — Serena J. Frye, principal.

Starr King School. — Mary T. Smith, principal.

Warrenton Street. — Lucy H. Symonds, principal.

Winchell School. — Ellen Gray, principal.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Kindergarten.

Transfer of teacher.

Warrenton Street. — Etta D. Morse, assistant on probation, to the same position in the Quincy-street School, to date from Dec. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — *Assistants*, Joel C. Bolan, from Oct. 2, 1889; Herbert S. Weaver, from Oct. 7, 1889; *Instructor of French*, Paul L. Guerin, from Oct. 18, 1889; *Instructor of German*, Richard Hochdörfer, from Oct. 22, 1889.

Bigelow School. — *First Assistant*, John D. Philbrick, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Comins School. — *Assistants*, Ella F. Little, from Oct. 16, 1889; Marian A. McIntyre, from Oct. 21, 1889.

Dearborn School. — *Assistants*, Katharine M. Coulahan, from Oct. 3, 1889; Sarah A. Driscoll, Annie M. Trundy, from Oct. 4, 1889; Philip M. Fitzsimmons, from Nov. 11, 1889.

Eliot School. — *First Assistant*, Daniel J. Mullen, from Sept. 30, 1889; *Assistants*, Theresa G. Power, from Oct. 8, 1889; Annie M. Keough, from Oct. 14, 1889.

Franklin School. — *Assistants*, Lucy S. Smith, from Oct. 7, 1889; Helen Doherty, Sarah R. Wentworth, from Oct. 9, 1889; Benjamin F. Brown, from Oct. 14, 1889; Margaret F. Marden, from Oct. 15, 1889; Alice W. Emerson, from Oct. 21, 1889; Katharine M. Coulahan, from Oct. 24, 1889; Bertha M. Smith, from Oct. 31, 1889.

Lyman School. — *Assistants*, Mary A. D. McLean, from Oct. 2, 1889; Abbie E. Batchelder, from Oct. 6, 1889.

Phillips School. — *First Assistant*, John E. Butler, from Sept. 30, 1889; *Assistant*, Sarah J. Fahy, from Oct. 14, 1889.

Quincy School. — *First Assistant*, Abram F. Smith, from Sept. 30, 1889; *Assistant*, Ella L. Sullivan, from Oct. 9, 1889.

Sherwin School. — *Assistant*, Annie W. Seaverns, from Oct. 23, 1889.

Wells School. — *First Assistant*, Alanson H. Mayers, from Sept. 30, 1889; *Assistants*, Isabel A. Smith, Sarah D. Noyes, from Oct. 30, 1889.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following nominations for the vacant position of special instructor of music, on probation. The majority of the Committee on Music recommend the appointment of S. Henry Hadley, and the minority of that committee recommend the appointment of Leonard B. Marshall.

Election of special instructor of music.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen moved that the Board proceed to ballot.

Mr. Green moved that the subject be specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting.

Lost.

Mr. Capen's motion passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Emery, and Packard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said instructor.

Ballot.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 11. John A. O'Shea had 1 vote; S. Henry Hadley had 8 votes; and Leonard B. Marshall had 12 votes, and was accordingly declared elected special instructor of music for the term ending March 31, 1890.

Leonard B. Marshall elected.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

English High School. — Manson Seavy, master, until Jan. 1, 1890; Samuel F. Tower, substitute.

Manson Seavy.

Girl's High School. — Helen D. Baright, teacher of vocal and physical culture, until Jan. 1, 1890; Fanny L. Rogers, substitute.

Helen D. Baright.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the special assignment for half-past eight o'clock was taken up; viz., the majority

Special assignment; majority and minority

reports of the Committee on Text-Books; text-books in history. [See pp. 240, 256, 257.]

and minority reports of the Committee on Text-Books, on text-books in history.

The Chair stated that the question was on the substitution of the minority for the majority report.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from convention of delegates of the women voters of Boston.

HEADQUARTERS,
WARD AND CITY COMMITTEE OF WOMEN VOTERS,
BOSTON, Nov. 9, 1889.

To the Members of the School Committee of Boston: —

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the convention of delegates, representing the women voters of Boston, held at the Meionaon, Tremont Temple, Saturday, Nov. 2, 1889.

Whereas, we have waited in vain for the school board to take action in regard to the removal of a History, placed in our schools a year ago, by sectarian influence; having carefully considered the excuses offered by members of the Board for delay; being also fully sensible of the difficulties under which the Text-Book Committee labor to find a substitute History, which will be approved by a two-thirds vote of the board, we are unwilling to have our children study a History which is inadequate and untruthful in its statement of facts, Therefore resolved

That we, the representatives of the women voters of Boston, in convention assembled, censure the Text-Book Committee for their delay in giving a report.

We heartily endorse the minority report submitted by Mr. Allen.

We disapprove of the majority report submitted by Dr. Green, which asks for further delay, and respectfully request that Anderson's History be withdrawn from our schools, at the next meeting of the School Board.

Ordered, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the School Board.

Very respectfully yours,
E. TRASK HILL, *Chairman.*
C. A. BROCKWAY, *Secretary.*

Placed on file.

Mr. Green moved that the majority and minority reports be recommitted to the Committee on Text-Books, with a request to consider the same, and report at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered. Yeas and nays.

The motion to recommit was passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Pingree, Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Elliott, Grainger, Green, Humphreys, McDonald, Murphy, Schindler, Swasey, and Walsh. — 13.

Nays: The President, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Allen, Capen, Emery, Mowry, Packard, Whittemore, and Winship. — 9.

Absent: Messrs. Fallon, O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Text-Books, to be submitted at the next meeting on the subject of text-books in history, was specially assigned to eight o'clock of the next meeting. Special assignment.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Graded Lessons in Shorthand, Parts 1 and 2, by Mrs. M. A. Chandler, be authorized for use as text-books in the East Boston branch of the Evening High School. Text-books in phonography.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 8 — an order concerning the salary of Josephine A. Slayton, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Josephine A. Slayton. [See page 227.]

Ordered, That Josephine A. Slayton, third assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Oct. 3, 1889, her previous service entitling her to the advanced salary, under section 117 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of sub-master in Normal School. [See page 251.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — an order concerning the salary for the grade of sub-master in the Normal School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the salary of a sub-master in the Normal School be, for the first year, $2,196, with an annual increase of $60, till the maximum salary of $2,496 is reached.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Sessions of schools in Harvard District.

Ordered, That the schools in the Harvard District begin at 1.30 o'clock, P.M., and close at 3.30 o'clock, P.M., from the first Monday in November, 1889, to the last Friday in February, 1890, for special reasons.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Annual report of Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Annual report of Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, presented the annual report of that committee in print (School Doc. 15, 1889). The following order was appended to the report: —

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to erect a school building adapted to manual training work, on the lot of land on the corner of Warren avenue and Dartmouth street, belonging to the city.

Special assignment.

The report was accepted, and the order specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Edition of Report of Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the Report of the Committee on Manual Training Schools be printed, and that said report be printed in the annual school report for the present year.

Miss Hastings presented the following communication: —

Communication from M. E. Allen; school gymnastics.

THE ALLEN GYMNASIUM,
BOSTON, Nov. 12, 1889.

DEAR DR. HASTINGS, — I stand ready to show a sample of the exercises I propose for school gymnastics in the Grammar Schools, grade by grade, demonstrating to those not versed in movements wherein the progression lies, on any Saturday afternoon the School Board shall decide upon, provided the following conditions shall hold; namely, that school desks shall be arranged temporarily in my hall, or some other large enough place for the purpose; that a majority of the School Board shall be present; that sufficient time shall be given to understand the work as shown; and that Mr. Posse shall, *at the same time and place*, either preceding or following me, as he or they shall decide, show the Swedish system as adapted to *each grade*, and explain its progression; also, that the masters, sub-masters, and head assistants shall be invited, with a fair representation of physicians and parents and other teachers interested.

Very truly yours,

M. E. ALLEN.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the special assignment, being the report of the Committee on Hygiene on the subject of physical training, was taken up.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Hygiene on physical training. [See pp. 237, 238, 252, 253.]

On motion of Mr. Winship, the report was accepted, and further consideration of the subject was specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Green, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Daudet's "La Belle Nivarnaise" be added to the list of text-books in French, and that "Im Zweilicht," Vol. II., be added to the list of authorized text-books in German, in the Latin and High Schools.

Text-books in French and German. [See page 256.]

The order passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

Communication from Committee of Volapük Club; instruction in Volapük.

Mr. Green presented the following communication and order: —

To the Honorable the Board of School Committee of Boston: —

Gentlemen, — The new language, Volapük, invented by the German, Schleyer, and given to the world about ten years ago, has now passed beyond the point of mere experiment, and is a living, spoken tongue. It does not take the place of any of the languages now existing, and it was never intended that it should; it serves as an easy means of communication between all nations of the earth. Text-books have been prepared in all important modern languages, including the Chinese and Japanese, and already the literature of Volapük comprises a list of more than a thousand volumes. Thousands of people can to-day write easily in the language, and many can speak it readily. At the last Volapük congress, held in Paris, in August of this year, there were present representatives from thirteen different countries, and all the deliberations were carried on in Volapük. Thirty-three magazines are regularly published in support of the language, and it has been adopted as a means of intercommunication by many of the leading scientific societies of the world, including, notably, the French Geographical Society and the Royal Philological Society of London.

But aside from its use as a means of social correspondence, which indeed, has now become enormous, the greatest practical use of Volapük consists in its perfect adaptation to the needs of the commercial world. Already hundreds of business houses in England and on the continent of Europe advertise themselves as being prepared to carry on correspondence in Volapük, and that example is being followed by not a few in this and other countries. Volapük is so easy of acquisition that the average young man or woman can, in the course of eight or ten lessons, gain a sufficient knowledge of it to be able to translate the ordinary business correspondence of commercial houses. Many of the pupils in our Evening Schools are clerks or book-keepers, and very properly wish to pursue those branches which will prove to be of the greatest practical value to them in their work. Many of them take up the study of the modern languages; but it is manifestly impossible for them, in the course of a single winter, to gain a sufficient familiarity with these languages to be able to use them in practical correspondence, even should there be a demand for such work. Volapük, on the other hand, could be acquired easily by the average pupil, in the course of two or three months, and by very many in a much shorter time; and, moreover, it alone throws open the doors of the whole world. Your petitioners are in daily

correspondence with people in almost all the important countries of the globe.

But looking at the subject as a matter of study, it can be demonstrated, we firmly believe, that quite as much mental drill is derived from the study of Volapük as is afforded by any of the modern tongues.

Believing these statements to be within the facts, the undersigned, a Committee of the Volapük Club of Boston, would respectfully petition your honorable body, that a room be set apart two or three evenings a week, whether in the High School building, or in one of the elementary school buildings, in which this study may be taught. The Volapük Club will provide teachers for such pupils as shall be gathered there, without expense to the city, with the understanding that the whole conduct of the classes shall be under the supervision of the School Committee, who shall be requested to hold, at the close of the term, an examination in business and social correspondence, in order to test the proficiency of the pupils and the value of the language. This work will be cheerfully undertaken by the members of the club, for the purpose of bringing the matter clearly before the School Committee, in order that in the future there may be good ground for judgment as to the advisability of placing Volapük in the regular list of studies for the Boston Evening Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Smith, M.D.,
Charles C. Beale,
Alfred A. Post.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Volapük Club of Boston to form in one of the evening schools a class in Volapük, in accordance with the appended petition to this Board, it being understood that no expense is thereby incurred by the city, other than for lighting and heating, and that the class will be under the supervision of the Committee on Evening Schools.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That in the purchase of the lot of land on the corner of Cumberland and St. Botolph streets, in

Restrictions and limitations in deed of lot on

corner of Cumberland and St. Botolph streets.

pursuance of the order of this Board, passed Oct. 8, 1889, the Law Department be authorized to accept and approve a deed of said lot containing the following restrictions and limitations; namely, that no building shall be erected on the granted premises, the exterior walls of which shall be of any other material than brick, stone, or iron; nor shall any building situated or fronting on said streets or either of them be less than two stories high for the main part thereof, except in the case of churches and chapels; nor shall any building on said land be used for a stable, white or black smith's shop, nor for any mechanical, foundry, or manufacturing purposes; that the front wall of any structure erected on the premises shall be set back ten feet from the line of each of said streets, provided that steps, windows, porticos, and other usual projections, appurtenant to said front wall, are to be allowed within these reserved spaces of ten feet, subject to the following qualifications: first, that no projection of any kind other than door-steps and balustrades connected therewith, and also cornices at the roof of the building, will be allowed to extend more than five feet from said front wall into said space; and, second, that no projection in the nature of a bay-window, circular front, or octagon front, with the foundation wall supporting the same (said foundation wall being a projection of the front wall), will be allowed, unless any horizontal section of such projection would fall within the external lines of a trapezoid whose base upon the rear line of the aforesaid space does not exceed seven-tenths of the whole front of the building, nor exceed eighteen feet in any case, and whose side lines make an angle of forty-five degrees with the base; and each house in a block shall be considered a separate building, within the meaning of this limitation; and that

no cellar or lower floor of any building on the premises shall be placed more than four feet below the level of the mill-dam, as fixed by the top surface of the hammered stone at the south-easterly corner of the emptying sluices.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Additional appropriation for enlargement of Florence-st. School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of $5,000, in addition to amounts heretofore appropriated, for the enlargement of the Florence-street School-house.

Report of Committee on School Houses; flag-poles for Grammar School-houses. [See page 205.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 24 — an order that flag-poles be furnished for the several Grammar School-houses, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish flag-poles for the Grammar School-houses, where principals ask for them.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Gas in Fallon Hall.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make provision for lighting with gas, Fallon Hall, in the Agassiz District, now occupied for school purposes.

Report of Committee on School Houses; approval of plans for new Grammar School-house in the Pierce District.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, reported that they have examined the plans for the new Grammar School-house in the Pierce District. The opinion of the Superintendent of Schools approving said plans has been received by the committee. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to approve the plans for the new Grammar School-house in the Pierce District, and that no appa-

ratus for heating and ventilating the building be purchased or placed in said building, until after the approval of the Committee on School Houses has been obtained.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Additional appropriation for lot of land on Glen road.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of $38.70, in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated, for the purchase of the lot on Glen road, Jamaica Plain; said sum being the amount of taxes on said lot for the present year, the city having agreed to assume the taxes for this year.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Additional appropriation for lot of land on Cumberland street, Prince District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of $386.45 in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for the purchase of the lot of land for school purposes on the corner of Cumberland and St. Botolph streets; said sum being the amount of taxes on said lot for the present year, and the city having agreed to assume the taxes for this year.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Land on Blossom street; taking of by right of eminent domain for school purposes.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take, by right of eminent domain, for school purposes, a part of the estate adjoining the Blossom-street Primary School-house, and numbered 20 Blossom street, to wit: a parcel of land containing about 1,200 square feet, measuring 20 feet on Blossom street, and bounded northerly by said Primary School-house lot, and being the property of Susan E. Damrell.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take, by right of eminent domain, a parcel of land belonging to Sarah J. Knight on the south-easterly side of Cambridge street, opposite Sever street, Charlestown District, containing about 7,000 square feet, and lying between the estates of the Eastern Railroad Company and that of the heirs of Oliver Dickson, and numbered 24 Cambridge street.

Land on Cambridge street, Charlestown; taking of by right of eminent domain for school purposes.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the lot of land on Cambridge street, opposite Sever street, in the Charlestown District, containing about 10,500 square feet, and at present owned by T. P. Dickson, be purchased for school purposes, and that the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8,000) be paid to T. P. Dickson, for said lot, the necessary amount for the purchase thereof having been appropriated by the City Council.

Purchase of land on Cambridge street, Charlestown, for school purposes.

On motion of Miss Pingree, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide a suitable flag-staff for the Quincy Grammar School-house.

Flag-staff for Quincy School-house.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — the communication of Dr. Charles L. Scudder, and the accompanying order, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That permission be granted to Dr. C. L. Scudder to make, in certain of the public schools, a series of observations, as specified in his letter to this Board, provided that the said observations be made at

Report of Committee on Hygiene; communication from Dr. C. L. Scudder; lateral curvature of spine and round shoulders among pupils. [See page 254.]

such times and under such restrictions as the masters of the several schools shall designate.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Annual report of the Instructor in Hygiene.

Mr. Elliott, for the same committee, presented the annual report of the Instructor in Hygiene, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Appropriation for Winship Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of $1,500 for the Winship Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Communication from Wells Memorial Workingmen's Institute; Lowell free classes for practical instruction for workingmen.

The Chair read the following: —

WELLS MEMORIAL WORKINGMEN'S INSTITUTE,
No. 987 WASHINGTON STREET,
BOSTON, Nov. 8, 1889.

SIR, — I beg leave to distribute the enclosed circular amongst the scholars of the various High Schools (boys) of the city of Boston. I am sure that you will see that what we offer, free to all, must be of great advantage to all; and, as many boys have been to me for tickets, I believe many others would avail themselves if they understood what the course was. We have the best of instructors, and the classes will be practical. The "Electrical" will be under Professor Cross and gentlemen connected with the Thomson-Houston Company. The lecture will be about an hour and a half. Trusting you will let me do this, and to have an early reply, I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
THOMAS T. STOKES,
Superintendent.

HON. C. T. GALLAGHER,
President of the School Committee.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Communication from James Madden; tree in yard of school-house to be trimmed.

The Chair read the following: —

Nov. 2, 1889.

CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *Chairman School Committee, Boston:* —

DEAR SIR, — I would respectfully call the attention of your Board to a tree located on the ground adjoining the school-house (junction

of Fourth and Emerson streets, opposite Police Station No. 12), which overhangs estate 650 East Fourth street, and interferes with the gutters on said house. Will you kindly have the tree trimmed?

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MADDEN.

Referred to the Committee on Sixth Division, with full powers.

Request of Civil Service Commissioners for copy of each text-book used in the High and Grammar Schools.

The Chair read a communication from the Civil Service Commissioners, requesting from the School Committee of Boston a copy of each text-book authorized for use in the Grammar and High Schools of the city, if the same could be furnished without too much inconvenience.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 26, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bowdoin District. — S. Frances Perry, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1889. Resignation of teachers.

Gaston District. — May M. Ham, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1889.

Gibson District. — Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Harris District. — Katharine C. Sullivan, from Nov. 18, 1889. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Quincy District. — Georgie F. Drake, from Nov. 18, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Gibson District. — Bessie C. Jones, fourth assistant, from Dec. 2, 1889. Temporary teachers.

Hancock District. — Emma L. Mitchell, third assistant, from Nov. 12, 1889.

Wells District. — Louise W. Betts, fourth assistant, from Oct. 7, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bowdoin District. — S. Frances Perry, second assistant, Martha T. O'Hea, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889; Julia G. L. Morse, fourth assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Gaston District. — Belle M. Harrington, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1889.

Gibson District. — Annie H. Pitts, third assistant, from Dec. 2, 1889.

Hancock District. — Matilda F. Bibbey, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1889.

Pierce District. — Sarah L. Park, third assistant, Agnes B. Hudson, fourth assistant, from Dec. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Bennett District. — Lillian M. Towne, second assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Evening High School, Charlestown Branch. — *Assistant*, Walter A. Robinson, from Nov. 22, 1889; *East Boston Branch.* — *Assistant*, Daniel A. Clifford, from Oct. 21, 1889; *Instructor of Phonography*, Mary A. Chandler, from Oct. 21, 1889.

Lincoln School. — *Assistant*, Velma E. Cobb, from Oct. 3, 1889.

Lyman School. — *Assistant*, Mary Colesworthy, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Warren School. — *First Assistant*, Benson B. Banker, from Sept. 30, 1889.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division; transfer of Alonzo G. Ham.

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division, reported the transfer of Alonzo G. Ham, principal of the Lincoln School, to the same position in the Thomas N. Hart School, the transfer to date from Dec. 2, 1889.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Election of Special Instructor in Hygiene.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Hygiene, reported the following nomination for Instructor in Hygiene, term of service to begin Nov. 30, 1889, and to continue until otherwise ordered by the School Board: —

Instructor in Hygiene. — John B. Moran.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for said instructor.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Mowry, Murphy, and Allen a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There was one blank. John B. Moran had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Instructor in Hygiene.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, until Jan. 1, 1890, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Annie M. Hotchkiss.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Hotchkiss, third assistant; Rose S. Havey, substitute.

E. Laura Tilden, substitute; Ella L. Macomber.

Bowdoin District. — E. Laura Tilden, substitute for Mary E. Pitcher, third assistant; Ella L. Macomber, third assistant.

Mary L. Gore.

Dillaway District. — Mary L. Gore, third assistant; Ella F. Little, substitute.

Jennie E. Haskell.

Franklin District. — Jennie E. Haskell, fourth assistant; Mary A. Higgins, substitute.

Lucy A. Seaver.

Frothingham District. — Lucy A. Seaver, third assistant; Florence I. Morse, substitute.

Adeline S. Bodge.

Hancock District. — Adeline S. Bodge, third assistant; Mary A. Mahan, substitute.

Anna J. Bradley.

Lowell District. — Anna J. Bradley, fourth assistant; Elizabeth F. Pinkham, substitute.

Abby P. Richardson.

Warren District. — Abby P. Richardson, fourth assistant; Abby G. Grandison, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Purchase of lot of land in Adams District for site for Primary School-house.

Ordered, That a lot of land with a frontage of seventy-five feet on Sumner street, East Boston, and a depth of one hundred and twenty-five feet, and immediately adjoining the lot on the corner of Lamson and Sumner streets recently purchased by the city, be purchased for school purposes, and that the sum of $7,875 be paid to J. J. Donnelly for said lot, the necessary amount for the purchase thereof having been appropriated by the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Additional appropriation for improvements in Winship-place School-house and yard. [See pp. 178, 183, 276.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) in addition to amount heretofore appropriated for improving the yard facilities, building improved water-closets, connecting with the sewer, and improving the present sanitary condition of the Winship-place Primary School-house.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000) for a lot of land for a new Grammar School-house in the Hillside District.

Appropriation for lot of land for, and erection of new Grammar School-house in, the Hillside District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Grammar School-house of ten rooms and a hall in the Hillside District.

The orders passed.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Whereas, by the Acts of the Legislature of 1889, Chapter 297, the School Board has been given the power "to fix finally and conclusively the plans for school-buildings to be erected," and

City Architect to prepare plans for less expensive school buildings.

Whereas, it is believed that the City Council who have generously appropriated the money needed for the various school sites will at an early day provide further funds for the buildings imperatively needed, and

Whereas, with the great pressure upon the City Treasury from all departments, we believe it is the duty of this Board, in the exercise of its increased powers, to study economy in the plans for its new school buildings, confident that while our citizens will gladly tax themselves for well-lighted and well-ventilated buildings worthy of our city, they are opposed to all extravagance and needless expenditure in that which is only ornamental, it is therefore

Ordered, That the City Architect be requested, in the preparation of plans for new school buildings, to provide for less expensive buildings than many of those of recent years.

The preamble was adopted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to furnish to those Grammar Schools whose

Wall-maps of Boston for schools.

principals request it, one of the large wall-maps published by the city.

Report of the Committee on Examinations. [See page 244.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Oct. 22 — a communication from George N. Hill, in which he stated that he had a manuscript of "True Moral Dignity, a Manual of Self-respect," for the schools, which he would be pleased to present to the School Board, to have printed, reported that it is inexpedient to take further action on the subject.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Examinations; instruction in Volapük. [See pp. 270, 271.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 12 — the communication from a committee of the Volapük Club, relating to instruction in Volapük, and the accompanying order, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Volapük Club of Boston to form in one of the Evening Schools a class in Volapük, in accordance with the petition to this Board, it being understood that no expense is thereby incurred by the city, other than for lighting and heating, and that the class will be under the supervision of the Committee on Evening Schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; sending pupils for absent pupils. [See page 89.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — March 26 — an order that they be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of amending the Regulations so as to allow the sending of pupils for absent pupils, reported that in their opinion it is not expedient to restore the Regulations to allow pupils to be sent for absent pupils in study hours, but as the Regulations now read, it might be interpreted as a direct order that pupils should *never* be sent for absent pupils, and the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That section 232 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Pupils shall not be sent," the words "during study hours."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; examinations of first classes in the Primary Schools. [See page 249.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, who were requested — Oct. 22 — to present the necessary amendments to the Regulations to provide that semi-annual examinations of the first classes of the Primary Schools shall not be required, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That section 176 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Primary Schools," in the fourth line, the following words: "provided that the examinations in January shall not be *required*."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from Wells Memorial Workingmen's Institute, concerning Lowell free classes. [See page 276.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 12 — the communication from the Wells Memorial Workingmen's Institute, for permission to distribute among the boys in the High Schools a circular concerning Lowell free classes for practical instruction for workingmen, reported that it has been the policy of the Board not to permit the distribution of circulars of any description in the schools, from which it would be very unwise to depart. They therefore report that it is inexpedient to grant this request.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; number of members of Committee on High Schools. [See page 197.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — an order proposing amendments to section 4 of the Rules, providing that the Committee on High Schools shall consist of nine members, reported that it is inexpedient to amend the Rules as proposed at the present time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was

and Regulations; corporal punishment. [See page 97.]

referred — March 26 — an order that section 221, page 39, of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "only," in the seventh line, "by the principal, and by him only;" and by striking out the sentence beginning with the last word in the seventh line, and ending with the eighth word in the thirteenth line, — reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, presented the following report: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. [See pp. 241, 242.]

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 8 — the communication of George T. Angell, President of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with instructions to carry out the suggestions contained therein, respectfully report that they requested the Board of Supervisors to suggest some plan by which the propositions made by Mr. Angell could be successfully carried out. In accordance with this request the Board of Supervisors submitted the following report, containing arguments against the award of prizes to pupils in the public schools.

This report contains so much of general interest to the Board on the subject of awarding prizes to pupils, that it is given in full.

Board of Supervisors, Oct. 18, 1889.

To the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

The Board of Supervisors having considered the two propositions of Mr. Angell, as requested by you, reports as follows: —

The evils attending the offering and awarding of prizes in the public schools led some years ago to the abolition of the medal system in the Grammar Schools. The practice of the School Committee has since been to give to faithfulness its natural reward, a reward which is open to every pupil and may be gained by every pupil. There has been no weighing of merits as between one pupil and another, but all who reached a proper standard in the performance of their tasks have received like consideration. Occasions for rivalries, jealousies, and disappointments have thus been removed. The wisdom of this arrangement can hardly be called in question. The awarding of prizes seems also to be in opposition to the spirit of Section 227 of the Rules and Regulations, which forbids teachers to award diplomas or prizes to their pupils. For a humane purpose —

a purpose which all must commend — it is now proposed to present certain prizes. The first, as contained in the third request, is a money offer for certain best essays on the kind treatment of the lower animals; and the second, as in the fourth request, a bound volume of "Our Dumb Animals," and a silver or a gold-plated badge of the American Band of Mercy, to that pupil in each public school-room in Boston who, for the coming three winter months, shall be most distinguished for general kindness.

Perhaps pupils might, on a single occasion, compete for such a prize as the first without great evil result. The general interest awakened in the subject would in many ways prove beneficial. But the Board is of the opinion that a more healthful interest can be excited in some other way. It is urged, also, that if a prize is offered for a particular purpose, the question may arise, Why may not prizes be offered for other purposes? It is thought, therefore, to be safer not to open the door for the entrance of the prize motive, even though it comes in the name of a great and good cause. To offering the second prize, — that for general kindness, — other and graver objections are suggested. It is possible to judge of the comparative worth of a number of essays, if no attempt is made to ascertain to what extent they are respectively the work of the pupils presenting them. Essays are distinct productions, can be examined again and again, and fairly characterized. But how can the "general kindness" of each of fifty pupils in a given school-room be definitely ascertained, scrutinized, and weighed? Most teachers would certainly shrink from deciding which pupil had shown himself most noted for this quality. It is the pupils, however, who are to make the decision; and it must be called to mind that they, in respect to each other, are in different degrees of intimacy. Their association in home-life and in play-life is very limited. How is it possible for them to decide which one of their number has been most distinguished for kindness during three months. Their votes can hardly fail to be influenced by acquaintance and friendship.

Possibly the competing for such prizes may lead to the practice of reporting at school by the pupils themselves the deeds of kindness done. Would it be wise to encourage the relating of one's own good deeds for the purpose of obtaining personal credit? Would not such a practice tend to develop conceit, if not to lead to deceit? Dickens' advice, "Boys, do all the good you can, and make no fuss about it," has certainly a more healthy tone.

If there is any one thing more than another which marks what is termed the "new education," it is the leading to such self-activity as tends to the development of the whole nature of the child. It uses

the lower range of motives when it must, but it never sacrifices the intellectual to the physical, or the moral to either.

It must be seen, at once, that the offering of prizes for right deportment does not bring the moral nature into activity. It may quicken the intellect to a knowledge of the things to be done or not done, and lead a few pupils to endeavor to conform their conduct to certain rules; but the underlying motive is a selfish one. As a life motive, it more often works evil than good. It never can lift children or men to the standard of the golden rule.

With the efforts of Mr. Angell to save the lower animals from unnecessary suffering, to eliminate cruelty from the human disposition, the Board is in full sympathy. The great work he has done and is doing is gratefully recognized. The desire to coöperate with him is so strong that there is reluctance in coming into this seeming opposition to him. The opposition is certainly not in purpose or spirit, but only in reference to the application of educational principles.

The humane leaflets distributed in the public schools have been used to good purpose, especially in the lower classes; and it is gratifying to know that the distribution is to be continued, and the copies of "Our Dumb Animals" are to be presented to the schools mentioned. Instead of the prizes offered, the Board suggests that more good might be accomplished by presenting to each room in the Grammar Schools a copy of "Our Dumb Animals," such copy to be used freely by pupils as opportunity offered; and the same to each first-class room of the Primary Schools. A set of books of the nature of "Firth's Voices for the Speechless" might be added to the permanent supply of supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, if approved by the Text-Book Committee. Pictures illustrative of humane deeds, and calculated to quicken a kindly spirit, might be presented to the primary class rooms.

These are simply suggested as some of the ways in which the money proposed to be appropriated might be spent to greater advantage, and with no ill results.

Mr. Angell's distribution of humane literature in the schools will naturally keep the subject of general kindness before teachers and pupils. What is read and talked about will, in the regular line of school work, be reproduced. All the pupils above the lowest primary class will, therefore, write compositions upon topics or incidents that would be embraced under that head. Pupils in advanced classes might be led to write more extended essays, and to put their heart in the work. Thus, instead of a merely temporary interest awakened in a few pupils, there will be a steady recognition of the humane principles the society Mr. Angell represents is so earnest in inculcat-

ing, and which can hardly fail, under the influence of a loving teacher, of shaping the life.

The Board of Supervisors, therefore, recommends that no prizes, as suggested, be offered in the public schools; also, that there be a conference with Mr. Angell in regard to the best means of accomplishing the purpose he has in view.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Supervisors,

JOHN KNEELAND.

Your committee unanimously concur in the position taken by the Board of Supervisors in their report. They requested the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Angell on the subject. The result of this conference is that no prizes will be offered to the pupils.

Your committee, acting upon the authority given them by the Board, have requested the Superintendent to carry out the propositions contained in the communication, in accordance with such plans as he and Mr. Angell may agree upon, with the understanding that no prizes are to be offered.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the special assignment, being the order appended to the report of the Committee on Manual Training, was taken up.

Special assignment; new building for Manual Training School. [See page 268.]

The order is as follows: —

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to erect a school building adapted to manual training work, on the lot of land on the corner of Warren avenue and Dartmouth street, belonging to the city.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Superintendent of Schools was requested to give his opinion.

The Superintendent expressed his opinion in favor of locating the building on the lot proposed.

Opinion of Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the order was amended by adding the following words to the order: "or in any other convenient and central location."

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Yeas and nays.

The order as amended passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. Allen, Blake, Capen, Chapin, Elliott, Emery, Fallon, Grainger, Green, Humphreys, Mowry, Murphy, Packard, Schindler, Swasey, Walsh, Whittemore, and Winship — 22.

Nays: None.

Absent: Messrs. McDonald and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Text-books in phonography. [See page 267.]

Ordered, That Graded Lessons in Shorthand, Parts 1 and 2, by Mrs. Mary A. Chandler, be authorized for use as text-books in the East Boston branch of the Evening High School.

Passed unanimously, 22 members voting in the affirmative.

Special Committee on Instructor in Hygiene granted further time to report. [See page 167.]

On motion of Mr. Mowry, for the Special Committee on Instructor in Hygiene, it was

Ordered, That the Special Committee on Instructor in Hygiene be granted further time in which to present their report.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

No sessions of Evening Schools, Nov. 29. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That no sessions of the Evening Schools be held Friday, November 29.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Election of special teacher of penmanship, Evening High School.

Ordered, That Leon M. Wallace be appointed special teacher of penmanship in the Evening High School, at a salary of two dollars per evening, the term of service to begin Oct. 7, 1889.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary E. Very the sum of $28.50 for nineteen evenings' service in the Dearborn Evening School, as assistant.

Compensation to Mary E. Very for service in Evening School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Ordered, That Parliamentary Law be taught in the High Schools.

Instruction in Parliamentary Law in High Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1889, because of the general use of the school buildings for polling places on that day.

Schools suspended, Dec. 10, 1889.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish a suitable flag-pole for the Dudley School-house.

Flag-pole for Dudley School-house.

Mr. Mowry presented the following: —

To the Honorable Board of School Committee of the City of Boston: —

Ladies and Gentlemen, — Your petitioners, sub-masters in the Grammar Schools of the city, would respectfully say that it seems to us unreasonable that we are required to serve thirteen years before we can in regular course reach the maximum salary of our grade.

Petition of sub-masters for change in salary.

1st. No such long term of service is required of any other class of teachers in the city, unless it be the Junior Masters in the High Schools.

2d. We believe that in most cases a competent man will discharge the duties of sub-master as well after seven years of experience as after thirteen. He must have a broad and thorough education, and some experience in teaching before he can be appointed to a sub-mastership, and seven years of the sub-master's work will bring him to the age of from thirty to forty, when the vigor and enthusiasm of mature manhood are most strongly shown.

3d. We believe that the time required of us to reach the highest

salary of a *subordinate position* is greater than that demanded of choice men (as sub-masters ought to be) in other professions.

On these considerations, and others that might be named, we respectfully ask that your rules be so changed as to make the annual increase of a sub-master's salary one hundred and twenty dollars for seven years, instead of sixty dollars per annum for thirteen years.

We are aware that this will add sixty dollars to the maximum, but twenty-three hundred and forty dollars does not seem to us excessive in comparison with what is earned by men in business or other professions.

WILLIAM H. MARTIN,
And 39 other sub-masters.

Referred to Committee on Salaries.

Committee on Text-Books to report on subject of text-books in general history. [See pp. 196, 214, 215.]

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the order requesting the Committee on Text-Books to report on the subject of text-books in general history was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Division Committees authorized to cause alterations and repairs to be made upon and in school-houses.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Ordered, That the various division committees shall have the power to authorize and cause to be made any alterations or repairs upon or in school-houses within their respective districts, which they may deem proper, to the amount of $100 in any individual case, without the action of this Board; and such committees may delegate their powers to their chairmen.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Communication from Jerome B. Conner; lecture on Brazil to pupils.

The Chair stated that he had received a communication from Mr. Jerome B. Conner, in which he offered to deliver a lecture to the pupils of the High and Grammar Schools, on some evening in December, on the subject of Brazil, its people, dwellings, manners, customs, etc., desiring only that he should be subject to no expense.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

The Chair read the following: —

To the School Board of the City of Boston : —

Petition of M. B. Bunker *et als.;* dismissal of children from school.

Respectfully request your petitioners, whose names are hereto subscribed, that they are aggrieved by the action of the Committee of the Seventh Division in refusing to grant to your petitioners certain rights which they claim for their children as citizens, in and to the public schools of the City of Boston.

First. Your petitioners aver that certain children of the complainants, to the number of ten, properly entered as pupils of the Munroe-street Primary School, were, on the twenty-first day of October, 1889, dismissed from said school without cause.

Second. That in place of said children so dismissed, and who had been regular attendants of said school for a period of six weeks, other children were substituted, some of whom had been attendants of the Thornton School and some of a parochial school, and that by said dismissal said children were deprived of the privileges of the common schools, and have so been ever since.

Third. That your petitioners have petitioned to the Division Committee, alleging the matters herein set forth and many other facts, and asking that their rights be adjusted, without receiving satisfaction. And your petitioners, believing that the action taken by J. S. Murphy, Chairman of said Committee, was unlawful and unjust, that said action was not in accordance with the rules and precedents laid down and adopted by the School Committee, would respectfully ask that the rights of your petitioners be considered and such correction made as justice requires.

MARSTON B. BUNKER, 69 Clifford st.
E W. NICKERSON, 49 Woodbine st.
WALTER J. GADSBY, 135 Blue Hill ave.
S. B. CLAPP, 26 Woodbine st.
I. S. PAINE, 39½ Woodbine st.

Referred to the Committee on Seventh Division.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following : —

Salary of Clara P. Wardwell.

Ordered, That Clara P. Wardwell, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 14, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Schindler, for the same committee, offered the following : —

Salary of Alice P. Lord.

Ordered, That Alice P. Lord, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Annual report of Committee on Music.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on Music, presented the annual report of that committee, as follows: —

In accordance with chapter 4, section 49, of the Rules and Regulations, the Committee on Music is to make a written report to the Board in September. If your committee presents such an annual report so much later than prescribed by the rules, it offers as an excuse for the delay the following reasons: —

When at the beginning of the year the Committee on Music had been appointed, it was found that three members of the same were recruits, and had first to familiarize themselves with the subject before they could think of continuing the work which the Committee on Music of the previous year had lined out in its masterly written report. Matters became still more confused when in the spring of this year the chairman of the committee, Mr. Gerald Griffin, so suddenly and unexpectedly met with his death, and when another member, Miss Laliah B. Pingree, begged to be excused from serving on it. More than two months passed until the place of the late Mr. Griffin was filled again, and the Committee on Music was reconstructed. When the new committee met, it was found that again three of its members were new men; that the fourth, although one of the oldest members of the Board, had never served on that committee; and that the fifth member alone could be relied upon for information, inasmuch as he had been a member of the committee before.

By that time the schools were closed for the summer vacation, and the Board had adjourned its session for the two summer months.

Scarcely had the members of the Board assembled in the fall to begin afresh the work, when the Committee on Music received the resignation of Mr. J. B. Sharland, one of the ablest instructors of music that have ever served the City of Boston. His resignation having been unconditional, your committee felt obliged to accept it, and again passed a few months in suspense until a new instructor of music was found and elected.

Under such unfavorable conditions it became impossible for your committee both to report at the specified time and to give an account of what it had been doing. Neither could it propose or recommend

any steps that were to be taken in order to improve the department that was placed under their special care. As a mere matter of form your committee presents, therefore, the following report: —

The study of music in our public schools is conducted under the supervision of five special instructors, who all stand alike in rank, and who all are not alone excellent musicians, experts in the art of teaching music, but men who are faithful and enthusiastic in their work. One of them teaches singing in all the High Schools, the other four have each a district composed of a number of Grammar and Primary Schools assigned to them, in which they both teach and instruct the teachers how to teach singing in their absence. After Mr. Sharland had resigned, Mr. Henry G. Carey was appointed by your committee to fill his place, and Mr. Leonard B. Marshall, the newly elected member of the musical force, was directed to teach in the district now having become vacant through the promotion of Mr. Carey. It had, furthermore, been found that the district lines had become somewhat confused in course of time, and that two teachers were sometimes teaching in the same neighborhood, while another had to travel several miles before he could reach a school of which he was in charge. The musical instructors gladly consenting, some slight changes were made. The Brimmer District was given in charge of Mr. Mason, in exchange for some schools in the Eighth Division, which had been under his care. These latter were assigned to Mr. McLaughlin, in exchange for the Franklin and Sherwin Districts, which were given in charge of Mr. Marshall. The district of Mr. Hosea E. Holt has been left untouched, partly because his schools are situated in one and the same part of the city, partly because he is endeavoring therein to demonstrate the superiority of the Normal Music Course over others, and the time when the test is to be made has not yet expired.

The report of the Committee on Music, under date of Dec. 12, 1888, has been so exhaustive that your committee of 1889 finds nothing to add to it.

SOLOMON SCHINDLER, *Chairman*,
JAMES A. McDONALD,
LIBERTY D. PACKARD,
NAHUM CHAPIN,
BENJAMIN B. WHITTEMORE.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, the report of the Committee on Examinations on the subject of instruction in phonography in the High and Latin Schools (see page 230) was taken from the table and accepted.

Instruction in phonography in High and Latin Schools. [See pp. 29, 230.]

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; prosecution under statutes, non-attendance of children at school. [See pp. 114, 115.]

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Truant Officers, to whom were referred — April 23 — communications from truant officers and the Superintendent of Schools, concerning the violation of chapter 47, section 1, of the Public Statutes, reported that no further action in the matter is required.

Accepted.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following : —

Salary of S. Frances Perry.

Ordered, That S. Frances Perry, second assistant in the Bowdoin District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 1, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; additional primary-school accommodations for the Bigelow and Norcross Districts. [See page 185.]

Mr. Packard, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred — Sept. 10 — the communication from the Common Council, asking the School Committee to consider and report to the Council on the expediency of furnishing additional primary-school accommodations for the Bigelow and Norcross Districts, South Boston, reported that while the Division Committee are of the opinion that some additional primary-school accommodations may be needed in the districts named in the near future, there is no urgent necessity for any recommendation at this time.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following : —

Office of Accounts, Mason St., Nov. 26, 1889.

Appropriations and expenditures.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred from April 1 to Dec. 1, being eight months' payments of the present financial year, the same being exclusive of expenditures for furniture, repairs, and the cost for new school-houses : —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1889-90.	December Draft.	Expenditures, 8 months, 1889-90.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,331,540 00	$118,558 83	$868,223 67	$463,316 33
Salaries, Officers . . .	58,300 00	4,863 33	38,841 66	19,458 34
Salaries, Janitors . . .	102,000 00	8,665 47	66,341 49	35,658 51
Fuel, Gas, and Water .	80,000 00	1,250 38	59,334 57	20,665 43
Supplies and Increased Expenses	86,116 93	6,350 03	68,860 66	17,256 27
	$1,657,956 93	$139,688 04	$1,101,602 05	$556,354 88

As compared with the corresponding eight months of last year: —

Salaries of Instructors, Officers, and Janitors, increased,	$38,383 44
Fuel, Gas and Water, and Supplies, etc., increased .	3,080 30
Total increase for eight months	$41,463 74

If the expenses for the next four months increase in the same ratio as for the past eight months, the expenditures will exceed the appropriation $103.77.

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY, *Chairman.*

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the salary due C. Howard Montague, deceased, late Instructor of Phonography in the Evening High School, be paid to his widow, Sarah E. Montague.

Payment of salary due C. Howard Montague.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, being the subject of text-books in history, was taken up.

Special assignment; text-books in history. [See pp. 246, 256, 257, 265, 266, 267.]

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, presented the following report: —

The Committee on Text-Books, to whom were recommitted — Nov. 12 — the majority and minority reports of this committee on the orders referred to them Oct. 8, that Anderson's "New General History" be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools, and that Fisher's "Outlines of General History" be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, respectfully

Majority report of Committee on Text-Books; text-books in history.

report that, as the Board has accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Examinations that no change be made in the course of study relating to instruction in history, it is inexpedient to make any change in text-books in history at present.

JOHN G. BLAKE,
J. D. FALLON,
S. SCHINDLER.

Mr. Green presented the following minority report of the Committee on Text-Books: —

Minority report of Committee on Text-Books, on text-books in history.

The undersigned, a member of the Committee on Text-Books, presents this following minority report: —

In the opinion of the minority the instruction in history in our schools will be greatly improved by providing more than one text-book in this study. This opinion is concurred in by many of our instructors. The minority therefore recommends the passage of the following order.

CHARLES M. GREEN.

Ordered, That Myers's General History, McCarthy's History of the World, and Sheldon's General History be authorized for use in the High Schools, in place of Anderson's New General History.

Mr. Allen presented the following minority report of the Committee on Text-Books: —

Minority report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; text-books in history.

The undersigned member of the Text-Book Committee respectfully submits the following minority report: By the recommendation of the Text-Book Committee, and by vote of the School Board, Swinton's "Outlines of General History" was dropped from the list of text-books in use in the Boston schools on the twelfth day of June, 1888, and on the eighteenth day of the same month the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the following recommendation: "That Fisher's History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, with the suggestion that the publishers furnish it in parts." But in the face of this recommendation, the School Board voted, on the ninth day of October, 1888, to put an old history under a new name into the schools, the name of the new history being Anderson's "New General History." Plato advised the citizens of his republic to do "everywhere and at all times the best." Boston cannot afford to do less. Anderson's History is not the best. Out of date in its plan, unsatisfactory in its arrangement, grossly inaccurate and notoriously incomplete, it is not creditable to this Board to continue the book longer in the public schools. The recommendation of the Board of

Supervisors one year ago, the expressed conviction of the Text-Book Committee about the same time, the recognized scholarship of Professor George P. Fisher, author of the "Outlines of Universal History," induce me to dissent from the report of a majority of the Text-Book Committee, and to recommend the orders referred be adopted by the School Board.

WILLARD S. ALLEN.

Ordered, That on and after Dec. 31, 1889, Anderson's "New General History" be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools.

Ordered, That Fisher's "Outlines of Universal History" be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Green moved that the minority report signed by him be substituted for the majority report.

Mr. Allen moved to amend Mr. Green's motion by substituting his (Mr. Allen's) minority report for that of Mr. Green.

The Chair stated that the question of substitution will require but a majority vote. On the question of the adoption of a new book, or the dropping of an old book, the Chair will rule that it will require a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Whittemore, further consideration of the subject was specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board, at a quarter before eight o'clock. Special assignment.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Ordered, That the next regular meeting of the Board be held on Dec. 11, 1889. Next meeting of Board.

The Chair stated the passage of the order would require a suspension of the rules.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 10, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Elliott and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Packard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order took its second reading: —

Ordered, That section 176 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Primary Schools," in the fourth line, the following words: "provided that the examinations in January shall not be *required*."

Examination of first classes in Primary Schools; Regulations amended. [See pp. 249, 285.]

Passed.

The following order took its second reading: —

Ordered, That section 232 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Pupils shall not be sent," the words "during school hours."

Sending pupils for absent pupils; Regulations amended. [See pp. 89, 284, 285.]

Passed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dillaway District. — Amanda C. Ellison, from Nov. 25, 1889.

Ruggles-street Kindergarten. — Alice Howe, from Dec. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — C. Howard Wilson, junior master, from Dec. 12, 1889.

English High School. — John Vaughn, junior master, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Girls' High School. — Florence Dix, assistant, from Dec. 12, 1889.

Adams District. — Emeline W. Ripley, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from Dec. 5, 1889.

Andrew District. — Alice T. Cornish, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Emerson District. — Helen A. Melrose, third assistant, from Dec. 17, 1889.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Esther E. McGrath, third assistant, from Dec. 9, 1889.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, fourth assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Mt. Vernon District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, from Dec. 11, 1889.

Quincy District. — Margaret E. Carey, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Rice Training School. — Augusta G. Williams, third assistant, from Dec. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Normal School. — Wallace C. Boyden, sub-master, from Dec. 18, 1889. Election of teachers on probation.

Dearborn District. — Alice W. Emerson, third assistant, fourth year, from Dec. 9, 1889.

Phillips District. — Julia F. Holland, third assistant, from Dec. 5, 1889; Annie P. Elwell, fourth assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Wells District. — Louise W. Betts, fourth assistant, from Oct. 7, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Charles Sumner District. — Celia B. Hallstrom, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Harris District. — Bertha F. Cudworth, fourth assistant.

Kindergartens.

Common Street. — Frances Williamson, assistant.

Ruggles Street. — Ellen L. Sampson, assistant.

Warrenton Street. — Etta D. Morse, assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Comins District. — L. Addie Colligan, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Dudley District, to date from Dec. 9, 1889. Transfer of teachers.

Lincoln District. — John F. Dwight, sub-master, to the same position in the Thomas N. Hart District, to date from Dec. 2, 1889.

Ruggles-street Kindergarten. — Ellen L. Sampson,

assistant, to the same position in the Quincy-street Kindergarten, to date from Dec. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistant Instructor in Phonography, William F. Murray, from Oct. 28, 1889.

Allston School. — Assistants, Alexander Pearson, Harriet C. Leatherbee, Agnes A. Aubin, Eva N. Cotton, from Oct. 21, 1889.

Comins School. — Assistant, Delia C. Rich, from Nov. 12, 1889.

Hancock School. — Assistant, Annie P. Elwell, from Nov. 20, 1889.

Sherwin School. — First Assistant, George R. Keene, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

Election of principal of Allston Evening School.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the nomination of the following-named principal of an Evening School, for the term of 1889–90, to date from Oct. 21, 1889: —

Allston School — G. W. M. Hall.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for said principal.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Walsh, and Allen a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said instructor.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There was one ballot for master of Lincoln School. G. W. M. Hall had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Allston Evening School.

G. W. M. Hall elected.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division, submitted the following report: —

and Sixth Division; master of Lincoln School.

Until about the year 1881, there had been in the city of Boston the grades of first and second sub-masters. For some time previous to that year, considerable agitation had been made by the sub-masters, and requests had been made to the School Committee that the grades of first and second sub-masters should be discontinued, and sub-masters throughout the city should be accorded an equal opportunity in competing for vacant masterships, and many instances of injustice were cited that had occurred through the misfortune of vacancies occurring, and promotions being made, from the immediate school rather than from some other district; although others might by reason of meritorious work and a long term of service be entitled to the first consideration. Acting on the request of the sub-masters (which was practically unanimous) the present system was adopted; the sub-masters now being ranked according to their term of service and competency as instructors, the old grade having been entirely abolished.

During the current year an order was adopted by the School Board, requiring the Supervisors to place at the head of the list of sub-masters, ten of those whom they regarded as the most competent candidates for the position of master, should a vacancy occur, for the purposes of promotion.

While the committee recognize the fact that parents and graduates of the school have united, on both sides, in very strong memorials and petitions in behalf of the respective sub-masters who are serving in the Lincoln School at the present time, and while they recognize the fact that in former years, when the city was composed of local settlements, there might have been strong ground for recognizing the question of locality largely, yet they feel that at present, with the school system

grown to its present proportions, in filling all vacancies, the action of the Committee on Nominations — when made part of a joint convention with another committee — should be governed by the claims of candidates throughout the entire city, and not be confined entirely to the locality where the vacancy may happen to occur.

Applying these principles, and after considering the claims of the present sub-masters in the Lincoln School, as well as the applications of other sub-masters throughout the city, the joint committee report the nomination of Maurice P. White for the position of master of the Lincoln School, to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mr. Ham to the Thomas N. Hart School.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for such instructor.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Green, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. John F. Dwight had 1 vote; Maurice P. White had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Maurice P. White elected.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers until Jan. 1, 1890, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Elizabeth R. Preston.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, second assistant, Primary School; Jennie M. Jamieson, substitute.

Annie M. Trundy, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Annie M. Trundy, substitute for Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant.

A. E. N. Treadwell.

Winthrop District. — Amelia E. N. Treadwell, second assistant, Primary School; Emily H. Osborne, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to trim the trees in the yard of the Hillside School-house, and remove a tree shading the building.

Trees in yard of Hillside School-house to be trimmed.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Elizabeth L. Stodder, third assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Salary of Elizabeth L. Stodder.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Supt. of Public Buildings; flag-poles for school-houses.

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF SUPT. PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Dec. 2, 1889.

HON. C. T. GALLAGHER,
Chairman School Committee: —

DEAR SIR, — I am in receipt of requests from the School Committee, dated Nov. 12 and 26, respectively, to furnish flag-staffs for the Quincy and Dudley Grammar School buildings; also a general order from the same source, bearing date of Nov. 12, "to furnish flag-poles for the Grammar School-houses, where principals ask for them." I desire to say that I have procured estimates of the cost per flag-staff placed on the top of buildings and properly secured with the requisite halyards, to be $100 each. There being no provision in the appropriation to cover an expen liture so large as this contemplates, I would respectfully inform that before I can proceed with the work ordered, an appropriation on the basis referred to above will have to be provided.

Yours respectfully,
JAS. C. TUCKER,
Supt. Public Buildings.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Barnard Memorial; payment for use of rooms by the city.

BOSTON, Dec. 9, 1889.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

Respectfully represents the Barnard Memorial, a Corporation duly established by the laws of the Commonwealth [said Corporation being

that formerly known as the Warren-street Chapel], that since the opening of the school year, in September, 1889, the Kindergarten school, established and maintained by said committee, has occupied some of the best rooms in the building of said Corporation, and that no compensation has been made therefor; wherefore the said Corporation petitions that a suitable payment may be made for the use of said rooms, the same to include a proper compensation for janitor's services, and the cost of the fuel furnished by the said Corporation.

The Barnard Memorial,
By THOMAS HILLS,
Chairman Standing Committee.
SAMUEL WELTCH,
Treasurer.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Washington Camp No. 1, P. O. S. of A.; presentation of flag to Boston Latin School.

BOSTON, Dec. 9, 1889.

To the Honorable School Board of the City of Boston: —

Washington Camp No. 1, Patriotic Order Sons of America, wishing to instil patriotism into the minds of the youth of Boston, desire to present a national flag to the Boston Latin School. A committee, consisting of Bros. E. F. Putnam, John A. Hunt, and E. L. Gillette, have already conferred with your body in regard to this presentation. Hoping this idea will meet with a favorable reception at your hands, I am,

Yours respectfully,
H. C. BICKMORE,
Recording Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Salary of Serena J. Frye.

Ordered, That Serena J. Frye, principal of the Sharp School Kindergarten, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That additional school accommodations be provided in the Mather District.

Additional school accommodations in the Mather District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 26 — the petition signed by Walter J. Gadsby, Marston B. Bunker, and three others, relating to the transfer of their children from the Munroe-street Primary School, reported that this subject of the transfer of these pupils has been before this committee for several weeks. The committee, acting upon the information presented to them, and in the interest of all the children of that section, decided to transfer several pupils from the Munroe-street Primary School to other primary schools. They regretted to be compelled to transfer the pupils, and appreciate the feelings of the parents in changing the schools their children are to attend. Upon application, the parents of four or five of the children transferred were heard by the committee. The committee have come to the unanimous conclusion twice before, and are still of the unanimous opinion, that their action was best, under all the circumstances as they understood them, and they ask to be relieved from further consideration of the matter.

Report of the Committee on Seventh Division; petition of Walter J. Gadsby, M. B. Bunker, *et als.* [See p. 293.]

They recommend that the subject be referred to a special committee of the Board.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed as such committee, Messrs. Emery, Chapin, McDonald, Fifield, and Allen.

Special Committee to consider petition of Walter J. Gadsby, M. B. Bunker, *et als.*

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That for the present year the Evening Schools be closed at the end of the session on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, 1889, and reopened on Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 1890.

Vacation in Evening Schools.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Johnson Valve Service in Girl's High School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to introduce the Johnson Valve Service — a heat-regulating apparatus — into the Girls' High School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of James A. Beatley.

Ordered, That James A. Beatley, junior master in the English High School, be placed upon the eighth year of service in his grade, to date from Nov. 8, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Clara P. Wardwell. [See p. 293.]

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 26 — an order relating to the salary of Clara P. Wardwell, third assistant in the Dwight District, reported that it has been the firm conviction of this committee that the proper time to determine the claims of a teacher for an advance in salary is at the time of appointment. In the present case we understand that the nomination of Miss Wardwell should have placed her upon the fifth year of her grade, that being understood by the master and, as he supposed, by the committee.

Through an oversight this was not done, and the committee now wish the error corrected, and the only means of doing so is through this committee. Your committee, after investigation, are fully convinced that the committee in charge intended to nominate Miss Wardwell on the fifth year, and that they were fully justified in doing so. The committee therefore report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Clara P. Wardwell, third assistant in

the Dwight District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 14, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of S. Frances Perry. [See p. 296.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 26 — an order that S. Frances Perry, second assistant in the Bowdoin District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, reported that the principle which has guided the committee in deciding cases similar to that of Miss Perry, is that teachers promoted to a higher rank should be placed upon the minimum salary of that rank. This principle has, we believe, been strictly observed, and we find no good reason for establishing the precedent of setting it aside. They therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Alice P. Lord. [See pp. 43, 294.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 26 — an order that Alice P. Lord, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, reported that a similar request for the increase of the salary of this teacher was presented to the Board last year and came before the present committee as unfinished business. Your committee submitted their report — Feb. 12, 1889 — that the order ought not to pass. In considering the renewed request at this time, the ground upon which it is based is the same as that presented to them in February last, and they are unable to alter their former decision. They therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following: —

Vacation in Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the Evening Drawing Schools on the evenings of Dec. 27 and 30, 1889; and that the term of said schools be extended

one week beyond the time provided for in the Regulations.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Additional school accommodations in the Prince District.

Ordered, That additional school accommodations be provided in the Prince District; and that rooms in the Pierce building be hired for the purpose by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Annual report of School Committee.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Annual Report, submitted the annual report of the School Committee for 1889.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Edition of Annual School Report.

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the report of the Committee on the Annual School Report of 1889 be printed.

Special assignment; majority and minority reports of Committee on Text-Books, on text-books in history. [See pp. 240, 256, 257, 265, 266, 267, 297, 298, 299.]

On motion of Mr. Allen, the special assignment, being the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Text-Books on the subject of text-books in history, was taken up.

The Chair stated the question was on Mr. Allen's motion to amend Mr. Green's motion, by substituting his (Mr. Allen's) minority report for that of Mr. Green.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Allen's motion passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The President, Mrs. Fifield, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. Allen, Capen, Chapin, Emery, Humphreys, Mowry, Packard, Whittemore, and Winship. — 13.

Nays. — Messrs. Blake, Fallon, Grainger, Green, McDonald, Murphy, Schindler, Swasey, Walsh. — 9.

Absent. — Messrs Elliott and O'Grady.

Mr. Allen moved that his minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Passed, by a vote of 13 to 9.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the first order appended to his report was amended by substituting "March 1, 1890," for "December 31, 1889."

The Chair at this point read the following: —

Opinion of Corporation Counsel; changes in text-books.

City of Boston,
Office of the Corporation Counsel, Nov. 8, 1889.

Hon. Charles T. Gallagher, *President of the School Committee:* —

Dear Sir, — I have received your letter referring to section 34, chapter 44, of the Public Statutes, which provides that "a change may be made in the school books used in the public schools in a town, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole school committee thereof, at a meeting of said committee, notice of such intended change having been given at a previous meeting," and inquiring: —

"1st. Whether or not, in order to legally accomplish such a change of a school book, it is necessary that it appear by the record of the proceedings of the School Committee that the change was voted by two-thirds of all the members of the committee?

"2d. Whether or not, if such change is brought about by vote, dropping a school book from the list of books authorized, and then, by a subsequent vote, adopting another book on the same subject in its stead, it is necessary that it should appear by the records of the School Committee that either or both such votes were passed by two-thirds of all the members of the School Committee?"

This first question is answered, I think, by the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, in Morrison *v.* Lawrence, 98 Mass. 219, and other cases. The question in that case was, whether an order appropriating money, which, by the statute [to be valid], must be passed by "a vote of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the City Council present and voting by yea and nay," could be shown by other evidence than the record, to have been in fact passed by such two-thirds vote. It was decided that it could not. The Court said: "The only competent evidence of such authority is to be found in the proceedings of the City Council, kept according to the provi-

sions of law." "Parol evidence was inadmissible to prove any acts or proceedings of the City Council, or that the record of such proceedings, as kept by the clerk, was erroneous or defective."

The case of the American Tube Works *v.* Boston Machine Co., 139 Mass. 10, is to the same effect, — that where the statute requires for the passage of a vote, a two-thirds or three-fourths vote of the persons voting, it must appear affirmatively by the record that it was passed by such vote, or it will not be valid. The Court says: "It is essential to the validity of the vote that this fact shall appear of record."

The answer to your first question, therefore, is, that it is necessary that the requisite vote of the School Committee, making a change in a text-book, should appear by the record.

I think that the above answer furnishes also the answer to your second question, especially if the book proposed to be dropped, or disused, is in a course of study or instruction which, by law, must be taught in such schools. The changing of a text-book involves two acts or steps, — one discontinuing the use of one book, the other adopting the use of another book; and I do not think that the statute quoted can be evaded, or its object defeated, simply by taking one step or act, at one time, and the other at another time, or by resolving the question into two questions. If the purpose of the disuse of one book is, at some future time, to take up another in its place, [as may be presumed to be the case in studies which, by the statute, are compulsory,] it is my opinion that both the steps or elements of the act of changing a school book must be by a two-thirds vote of the whole committee, and that it must so appear in and by the records of the proceedings of the committee.

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES B. RICHARDSON,

Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

Mr. Green moved that the order be amended by adding the following: "and that Myers's General History, McCarthy's History of the World, and Sheldon's General History, be authorized for use in the High Schools, in place thereof."

Mr. Murphy offered the following as a substitute for the order and proposed amendment: —

Ordered, That Fisher's Outlines of Universal His-

tory, Myers's General History, Sheldon's General History, and McCarthy's History of the World, be added to the list of text-books in history.

On motion of Mr. Packard, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Murphy's motion was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas: The President, Messrs. Chapin, McDonald, Murphy. — 4. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Mrs. Fifield, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. Allen, Blake, Capen, Emery, Fallon, Grainger, Green, Humphreys, Mowry, Packard, Schindler, Swasey, Walsh, Whittemore, Winship. — 18.

Absent: Messrs. Elliott and O'Grady.

Mr. Green's motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered in the passage of the first order.

The order was lost by the following vote, the Chair ruling it would require 16 votes to pass the order: —

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. Allen, Capen, Chapin, Emery, Humphreys, Mowry, Packard, Pingree, Whittemore, Winship. — 13. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Blake, Fallon, Grainger, Green, McDonald, Murphy, Schindler, Swasey, Walsh. — 9.

Absent: Messrs. Elliott and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the second order was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That the order appended to the report of the Committee on Hygiene, concerning the adoption of the Ling system of gymnastics, and the substitute order proposed by Mr. Swasey, be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Hygiene. Report of Committee on Hygiene, on physical training. [See pp. 237, 238, 252, 253, 269.]

Subject of physical training referred to next School Board.

On motion of Miss Hastings, the whole subject of physical training in the public schools was referred to the next School Board.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 24, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Grainger, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Dorchester High School. — Albert S. Perkins, assistant, Jan. 1, 1890. Resignation of teachers.

Eliot District. — Cleone G. Tewksbury, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1890.

Hancock District. — Adeline S. Bodge, third assistant, Jan. 1, 1890.

Hillside District. — Albert F. Ring, master, Jan. 1, 1890.

Lincoln District. — Martha F. Wright, second assistant; Sarah A. Curran, Sarah M. Tripp, third assistants, Dec. 4, 1889.

Lowell District. — Maurice P. White, sub-master, Dec. 11, 1889.

Minot District. — Gertrude P. Davis, second assistant, Jan. 1, 1890.

Phillips District. — Matilda J. Kennemon, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1890.

Wells District. — Maria W. Turner, second assistant, Primary School, Jan. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Quincy District. — Bertha M. Smith, from Dec. 17, 1889.

Howe School Kindergarten. — Minnie G. Abbott, from Nov. 11, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dudley District. — Sarah A. Driscoll, fourth assistant, from Dec. 2 to 7, 1889.

George Putnam District. — Maria A. Tyler, third assistant, from Dec. 17, 1889; Harry W. Whittemore, third assistant, from Jan. 7, 1890.

Gibson District. — Ingemisca G. Weysse, third assistant, from Jan. 2, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dorchester High School. — Albert S. Perkins, junior-master, second year, from Jan. 1, 1890.

Lincoln District. — Martha F. Wright, first assistant; Sarah A. Curran, second assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Lowell District. — Edward P. Sherburne, submaster, from Jan. 2, 1890.

Minot District. — Gertrude P. Davis, first assistant, from Jan. 1, 1890.

Phillips District. — Lizzie G. Perry, fourth assistant, fourth year, from Jan. 1, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Sarah M. Tripp, second assistant, from Dec. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dillaway District. — Agnes A. Watson, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Eliot District. — John J. Sheehan, sub-master.

Lewis District. — Mary E. Howard, Mary E. Very, third assistants.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Bigelow District. — Nellie S. Henry, third assistant, to the same position in the Lincoln District, to date from Jan. 1, 1890. Transfer of teachers.

Lincoln District. — Margaret J. Stewart, first assistant; Emma J. Channell, Anastasia G. Hyde, Jennie F. McKissick, L. Idalia Provan, Mary B. Powers, third assistants, to the same positions, respectively, in the Thomas N. Hart District, to date from Jan. 1, 1890. Bertha Pierce, third assistant, on probation, to the position of fourth assistant, on probation, in the Thomas N. Hart District, to date from Jan. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOL.

Phillips School. — *Assistant*, Jane C. Levi, from Nov. 7, 1889. Election of a teacher of an Evening School.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division, reported the transfer of Charles W. Hill, principal of the Martin School, to the same position in the Hillside School, to date from Jan. 1, 1890. Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division; master of Hillside School.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations; it was

Ordered, That the rank of Charles J. Lincoln, principal of the Dorchester High School, be that of Rank of principal of Dorchester High School.

head-master, to date from Jan. 1, 1890, the numbers in the school for the preceding quarter warranting the change in rank.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division; master of Martin School.

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Martin School, — Sylvester Brown, master.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for such instructor.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Emery, and Fallon a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Sylvester Brown had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Sylvester Brown elected.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Helen D. Baright.

Girls' High School. — Helen D. Baright, special teacher of vocal and physical culture, until April 1, 1890; Fanny L. Rogers, substitute.

Harriet E. Tower.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Tower, third assistant, until April 1, 1890; Margaret F. Marden, substitute.

Eldora A. Pickering.

Dillaway District. — Eldora A. Pickering, first assistant, until April 1, 1890.

Caroline F. Seaver.

Lewis District. — Caroline F. Seaver, fourth assistant, until Feb. 1, 1890; Grace L. Sherry, substitute.

Mary J. Pope.

Minot District. — Mary J. Pope, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; Mary E. Mullen, substitute.

Susan H. Thaxter.

Norcross District. — Susan H. Thaxter, first assistant, until April 1, 1890.

The Chair presented petitions signed by 105 pupils of the Girls' High School, 152 pupils of the English High School, and 57 pupils of the Brighton High School, that there be no sessions of the public schools on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2 and 3, 1890.

Petitions of pupils in High Schools for holidays.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the petitions were placed on file.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order that Elizabeth L. Stodder, third assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Elizabeth L. Stodder. [See page 307.]

Accepted.

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order concerning the salary of Serena J. Frye, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Serena J. Frye. [See page 308.]

Ordered, That Serena J. Frye, principal of the Sharp School Kindergarten, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, presented the following report: —

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order that James A. Beatley, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the eighth year of service in his grade, report that in May last an order was referred to this committee that Mr. Beatley be placed upon the eleventh year of service in his grade. By consulting the minutes of the Board, it will be seen that the committee presented at that time an extended report recommending that the order referred ought not to pass. At that time the proposition for the increase in salary was based upon service as assistant in the Roxbury High School previous to his appointment as junior-master. This was the only ground presented to the committee, and upon that ground they were obliged to report adversely to the pas-

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of James A. Beatley. [See pp. 106, 134, 135, 136, 310.]

sage of the order, for reasons which have been frequently given in similar cases. The rules provide that "instructors, after retiring from the service of the Board, shall, when reëlected, be regarded as new teachers; but any such newly-elected instructor who has not been out of the service more than three years may, upon the report of the Committee on Salaries, be put by the Board upon the advanced salary to which any previous term of service may entitle the incumbent." In such cases it has been the uniform practice of this committee to recommend, and the custom of the Board to allow, the increased salary to the instructor. This is the first time that the proposition to increase the salary of this teacher has been based upon this rule of the Board. It appears that Mr. Beatley has never received the credit to which, under the rules, he was justly entitled, for one year's service as junior-master previous to his last appointment. The Committee on High Schools now request that this error be corrected, and your committee, being of the opinion that it would be manifestly unjust to withhold from this instructor what has been universally allowed to other instructors who retire from and afterwards reënter the service, report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, — That James A. Beatley, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the eighth year of service in his grade, to date from Nov. 8, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Normal School, offered the following: —

Introduction of Slöjd work into Appleton-street School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Normal School be authorized to introduce Slöjd work into the Appleton-street Primary School, the same to be free of expense to the city of Boston.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Taking of land on Blossom street by right of eminent domain; suspension of proceedings. [See page 274.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to suspend further proceedings in regard to the taking by right of eminent domain a part of the estate adjoining the Blossom-street Primary School-house, belonging to Susan E. Damrell.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order concerning additional school accommodations in the Mather District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional school accommodations in the Mather District. [See page 309.]

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide additional school accommodations in the Mather District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That a lot of land on the north-easterly corner of Green and Cheshire streets, adjoining the Green-street Primary School-house lot, Jamaica Plain, containing about 12,000 square feet, more or less, and at present owned by Charles E. Jackson, be purchased for school purposes, and the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000) be paid to said Charles E. Jackson for said lot; the necessary sum for the purchase thereof having been appropriated by the City Council.

Purchase of lot of land corner of Green and Cheshire streets, Jamaica Plain. [See page 283.]

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide additional Grammar-school accommodations in Fallon Hall in the Agassiz District.

Additional Grammar-school accommodations in the Agassiz District.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to suspend further proceedings in regard to the taking by right of eminent domain a parcel of land belonging to Sara J. Knight, on the south-easterly side of Cambridge street, opposite Sever street, Charlestown District.

Taking of land on Cambridge street, Charlestown, by right of eminent domain; suspension of proceedings. [See page 275.]

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That a lot of land on the south-easterly side of Cambridge street, opposite Sever street, Charlestown District, containing 7,286 square feet, and lying

Purchase of lot of land on Cambridge street, Charlestown.

between the estates of the Eastern Railroad Company and that of the heirs of Oliver Dickson, and numbered 24 Cambridge street, now owned by Sara J. Knight, be purchased for school purposes, and that the sum of six thousand one hundred and ninety-three and ten one-hundredths dollars ($6,193.10) be paid to said Sara J. Knight for said lot, the necessary sum for the purchase thereof having been appropriated by the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Barnard Memorial; payment for use of rooms by the city. [See pp. 307, 308.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — the communication from Barnard Memorial, concerning the payment for use of rooms by the city in said building, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to hire for school purposes, four rooms in the Barnard Memorial, Warrenton street, from Sept. 1, 1889, to July 1, 1890, for fifty dollars ($50) per month, said sum to include rent, janitor's service, heating and lighting.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; Johnson Valve Service in Girls' High School-house. [See page 310.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — an order concerning the introduction of the Johnson Valve Service into the Girls' High School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to introduce the Johnson Valve Service — a heat-regulating apparatus — into the Girls' High School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following : —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Fifth Division be authorized to introduce Slöjd work into the Concord-street Primary School, the same to be free of all expense to the city of Boston.

Introduction of Slöjd work into Concord-street School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Martha W. Hanley, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 4, 1889.

Salary of Martha W. Hanley.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Mowry, for the Special Committee, to whom was referred — June 25 — the subject of instruction in hygiene, submitted a majority report, signed by three members of the committee.

Report of Special Committee on Instruction in Hygiene. [See pp. 167, 290.]

On motion of Mr. Mowry, it was

Ordered, That the report be laid on the table and printed, and that the minority of the committee have further time to prepare their report, and that said minority report be printed with the majority report.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the verbatim reports of the proceedings of the School Board be continued to be furnished by the "Boston Evening Transcript," upon the terms of the present contract with said "Boston Evening Transcript," until otherwise ordered by the Board.

Verbatim reports of proceedings of School Committee. [See pp. 7, 40, 94, 95, 105, 147, 158.]

Mr. Packard moved that the order be amended by striking out the words "until otherwise ordered by the Board," and by inserting in place thereof the words "during the month of January, 1890."

Mr. Packard's motion passed by a vote of 11 to 7.

The order, as amended, passed by a vote of 13 to 5.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Secretary's printed minutes to be continued.

Ordered, That the Secretary's minutes be continued to be printed as heretofore until otherwise ordered by the Board.

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations; corporal punishment. [See page 229.]

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 8 — an order proposing certain amendments to the Regulations relating to corporal punishment, presented a majority report of that committee recommending that the order referred ought not to pass.

Mr. Fallon presented a minority report of the committee, recommending that the order referred ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, both reports were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Emery presented the following report: —

Report of Special Committee; petition of Walter J. Gadsby *et als.* [See pp. 293, 309.]

The Special Committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 10 — the petition signed by Walter J. Gadsby, M. B. Bunker, and three others, concerning the transfer of their children from the Munroe-street Primary School, respectfully report that they have heard the petitioners and have carefully considered the subject.

The Regulations of the Primary Schools provide as follows: —

Sect. 247. Children shall be admitted to those schools which are the most convenient for them to attend, and for which they are qualified, provided such schools are not already full; and in all cases of doubt or difficulty, in respect to the admission of pupils, the teacher shall apply to the principal for advice and direction. Teachers of the lowest class, with the permission of the Division Committee, may decline to receive pupils after the eighth week following the first Monday of February or the first Wednesday of September, or whenever the number of pupils shall exceed fifty-six; but a record shall be kept by each teacher of the names and residence of all applicants who have been refused admission, so that Division Committees may know the number of children requiring school accommodations. Applicants shall be admitted in the order of application.

It appears that in Roxbury it has been the custom to fix arbitrary boundary lines in the matter of sending pupils to Primary Schools. If any error was committed in this case it was in adhering to this

custom instead of following the above section, which, in the judgment of this committee, it is always best to follow, and which has worked well in other parts of the city.

At this time, so near the closing of the year, we think it would be impracticable to attempt any new adjustment of the matter. The committee, therefore, are of the unanimous opinion that no further action in the matter is necessary by this Board.

THOMAS J. EMERY,
NAHUM CHAPIN,
EMILY A. FIFIELD,
J. A. McDONALD,
WILLARD S. ALLEN.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Ordered, That hereafter the practice of pupils of the public schools making presents to their teachers shall be discontinued, for the reason that it is often the cause of much distress to pupils who can ill afford to contribute a satisfactory amount for that purpose.

Presents to teachers by pupils not permitted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Unfinished business referred.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be presented to Hon. Charles T. Gallagher, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the past year; for his exceptional regularity in his attendance at the meetings, and for his uniform courtesy to the members of the Board.

Vote of thanks to Hon. Charles T. Gallagher, President of School Board.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was voted that when the vote be taken it be taken by a rising vote.

The order passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The President courteously responded.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

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